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Alexander Woolcott Delights Audience Of C.N.S. Evening Course

Combining bits of autobiography, stories of libel suits, book reviews, and witty anecdotes under the heading "Confessions of a Dying Newspaper Man", Alexander Woolcott, literary critic and popular lecturer addressed more than 300 people in the auditorium Thursday evening, October 26.

In a short sketch of his early years, Mr. Woolcott humorously related his first desire to become a newspaper man, and the part "Sinbad the Sailor," played in his decision.

He told of his experience in securing his first job and remarked that the employment situation facing the graduate in 1909 was just as serious to them as it is to youth today.

Tracing his life as a reporter on the New York Times, he showed how much of his best training came through experience, how a small error might bring about a libel suit, and emphasized the fact, that accuracy is of major importance above all else in newspaper reporting.

"Reaching for the Stars," and "House of Exile," by Nora Waln were given as stimulating books. "Escape," a novel by Ethel Vance just off the press, was recommended as one of the best works of fiction of the times, matching in technical efficiency and expertness the works of Edith Wharton and Willa Cather.

In conclusion Mr. Woolcott read a tribute to Mary White, written by her father, William Allen White, as an example of newspaper writing that will live forever.

The audience expressed their appreciation and enjoyment by prolonged applause.

C. N. S. WELCOMES HOME-COMERS

Graduates of last year return to Castleton Normal School today for the annual homecoming. Among the events of the day are a conference at which Superintendent Edward K. Bok of Wilmington and Miss Florence Fisher of Ira Allen School, Burlington, are the speakers.

Chapel exercises with moving pictures of last commencement will give the visitors a view of themselves.

At luncheon, home-comers will sit together.

Members of the present senior and junior classes will close the day's program with a tea for their former classmates.

CONGRATULATIONS

Faculty and Students of C. N. S. join in warm and cordial congratulations to our State Commissioner of Education on achieving his doctor's degree. We rejoice with you, Mr. Bailey, on this high attainment.

SENIOR EDITORS OF THE BIRDSEYE



BERNARD ODELL



WILLIAM JONES

DEAN MORRILL ACCORDED HONOR BY TEACHERS AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Castleton Normal School was honored at the business meeting of the Vermont Education Association in Burlington, October 14, by the election of Miss Alice M. Morrill, Instructor in Education and Supervisor of Student Teaching, to the presidency of the organization.

In recognition of the office bestowed upon her, the student body presented her with a corsage and a rhinestone bracelet. She was guest of honor at a dessert-coffee given by the faculty upon her return from the convention.

SENIORS SPONSOR SUCCESSFUL DANCE

"An Apple for the Teacher," recalls pleasant memories of the Senior dance presented Saturday, October 21, in the Normal School Auditorium.

Guests were formally greeted by Kathryn Temple, class president, Veronica Brough, Alfred Henebry, co-chairmen of the dance committee, Dr. Woodruff, Miss Kelly, Miss Markham, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold. Those acting as ushers were Charlotte Irish, Ann Norton, Norma Howard, Anita Puricelli, Bernard O'Dell, Edward Hart, Edward Fish and Donald Grace.

The theme of the dance was well carried out through attractive decorations. Music was furnished by Burns Martin's orchestra. With fifty couples present the occasion proved highly successful.

MEDICAL PRACTICE CHANGES DISCUSSED BY DR. PERKINS

Medical practices have been revolutionized in the last half century, said Dr. Emilie Perkins in a recent chapel lecture. Mortality from operations and infections has been decreased by antiseptics and diabetes and tuberculosis, formerly regarded as practically fatal, can be controlled.

C. N. S. TEMPORARY HOSTS TO PRIMARY GRADES OF CASTLETON SCHOOL

Happy young faces, small desks, and a great deal of intense activity, all have helped to mark the presence of a full-fledged primary grade school on the Castleton Normal School campus since the beginning of the school year. Miss Minnie Sanford with the first and second grade and Miss Florence Moriarty with the third and fourth grades have moved all their equipment into the Old Chapel and are in command of the lower floor. The level ground below Philips House is now given over as a playground for their use.

This temporary innovation was made necessary by the condemnation of the Town Hall which is now in process of repair.

GLENBROOK TEA FOR TOWN WOMAN'S CLUB

The Castleton Women's Club held its October meeting at Glenbrook, with faculty members of Castleton Normal School as hostesses. Dr. Woodruff, Misses Black, Morrill, and Campbell welcomed the forty-five members and guests. Mrs. Marguerite Tucker of St. Albans was the speaker of the afternoon. Refreshments were served with Mrs. Leavenworth and Miss Skeeles presiding at the tea table. Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Hewitt and Miss Kelly assisted the hostesses.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY ENTERTAINS FRESHMAN CLASS

The chapel of the Federated church was the scene of a reception given to the freshman class by the society of Christian Endeavor, Monday, October 23.

Freshman guests were presented to the hosts by Viola Perry and Ida May Howe. In the receiving line were Richard Mound, Bernice Gould, Kay Jones, Lois Bassett, and Reverend and Mrs. Maxwell Clough.

After an evening of spirited games, refreshments were served by Daniel Keech, Bob McClure, and their able assistants.

School To Send Four Representatives To Boston Conference

The New England Teacher Training Association will hold its twentieth annual conference in Boston on November 17 and 18 at Hotel Bradford. Delegates from 27 Normal Schools in New England will attend the conference.

Friday, November 17, is given over to student conferences. Intercollegiate Cooperative Enterprises will be the topic for discussion. Saturday, the administrators will hold their conferences. Student conference activities are under the direction of Dr. Ralph C. Jenkins, State Teachers College, Danbury, Connecticut.

This year Castleton sends its first delegate representing the Freshman class. Delegates representing C. N. S. from the four classes are: Seniors—Rhoda Lyons, Juniors—Barbara Slack, Sophomores—Elva Martineau, Freshmen—Josephine Hinckley. The faculty members who will accompany the girls to Boston are Miss Markham and Mr. Keech.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Hallowe'en was celebrated in a lively manner by a party sponsored by the Student Cooperative Association of the Castleton Normal School. The festivities took place in the Barn, preceding Hallowe'en.

Corn stalks, pumpkins, and black and orange streamers gave a Hallowe'en atmosphere to the barn.

A company of seventy students, their friends and members of the faculty enjoyed an evening of games including relays, contests and the traditional bobbing for apples. Round and square dances completed the strenuous activities of the evening.

The crowning event was a gruesome ghost story told by Stan Offensend, assisted by Francis Moriarty, James Benton, George Sparks and Joe Sanders.

Students responsible for the success of the party are, Albert Dauphin, general chairman, assisted by Alice Hamilton, Marjorie Dix, Sylvia Fenn, Barbara Clark, Bernard Howley, Phyllis Amidon, Viola Perry and Lois Billings.

DEMONSTRATION SCHOOLS VISITED BY OFFICIALS

Commissioner Bailey and Deputy-commissioner Batchelder, Miss Allingham and Mrs. Kelly, Helping teachers, Mrs. Aldrich, supervisor of Physical Education, accompanied Dr. Paul Mort of New York on a visit to the demonstration schools at Meadowbrook, Castleton Corners and North Breton last Monday.

Dr. Mort, director of the Advanced School of Education at Teacher's College, Columbia University, is spending several weeks in Vermont meeting different groups of educators.

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LET'S THINK TWICE

Writing in last week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post, Herbert Hoover said, "We cannot create liberty and self-government in Europe. The social regeneration of nations must come from within; it cannot come from without. You cannot defeat an idea or an ideology with military force."

Mr. Hoover touched the heart of the situation with the implication that with force it would be impossible to change the ideals of the people who, for generations, have had their individuality buried beneath fear and domination. Increasingly large numbers of Americans are feeling more keenly the disillusionment which came from participation in the last war. No true American wants to shirk responsibility, but until there is definite assurance that active participation in any way will produce positive and permanent peace measures, Mr. Hoover's advice will fall on ready ears.

SELF STEERING

There seems to be an awakening spirit of standard raising among professional groups in Vermont.

Only three weeks ago the Vermont Bar Association recommended higher ethical practice in the conduct of law. Last fortnight our own professional body recommended to the State Board of Education, the requirement of three years training beyond high school beginning in 1943.

Latest statistics show that Vermont stands twenty-ninth among the forty-eight states in training of teachers and eighteenth in compensation.

Compensation and preparation bear a direct relation to each other. Future Vermont teachers may look forward both to greater material reward and to enlarged opportunity for further study.

The recommendation is most encouraging for it is only when the members of any profession themselves see a need and take active steps to meet it that their profession grows in quality and strength and commands the respect and support of the general public.

ON WITH BASKETBALL

Do we want to continue our trips "far-afield" and have visiting teams continue to come to Castleton? This is the question facing the men at Castleton. Basketball is the only sport outside of tennis that is played interscholastically at the Normal School. "Besides being excellent physical education for future teachers, intercollegiate basketball widens the experience of students by bringing them in contact with other schools, and helps to develop favorable social traits by giving opportunity to meet and make the acquaintance of many new personalities," says Coach Fox, in regard to this basketball question.

With the help of Mrs. Hewitt and a number of efficient co-eds, a food sale was held in the Home Economics Laboratory, Friday afternoon, October 6, which netted \$6.77.

Such cooperative effort and fine support is evidence of a favorable attitude toward a basketball program this winter.

There may be a way of overcoming the obstacles that face the men in the lack of a hall for practice and inadequate funds for intercollegiate games if the entire student body is sufficiently interested to put heads together and shoulders to the wheel. Can we do it? Will we do it?

FRESHMAN ART EXHIBIT

Striking use of color is the outstanding characteristic of the exhibition, the total impression of which is far from the amateurishness usually expected of Freshmen. Most of the landscapes, of which the exhibition is comprised, when viewed from a distance sufficient to allow one's eye to blend the colors, produce a very charming effect. In several instances balance, rhythm, and feeling are combined with fine color in really lovely pictures.

A few landscapes vary from the realism of the larger group, and are distinctive for purely decorative effect, produced by line rhythm or by areas of flat color. Charcoal and one color are used in one or two cases with interesting results.

It is unfortunate that space for the exhibition is so limited, for the type of work shown needs distance to appear to best advantage.

SONG RECITAL

Gladyce Thompson Bachmann, contralto, accompanied by Margaret Buckley Armstrong appeared as the third evening number of the C. N. S. Entertainment Course for the current year.

Possessor of a beautiful voice under perfect control and a thorough understanding of musical values, Mrs. Bachmann is a delight to any music loving audience.

Mrs. Armstrong proved an able accompanist.

Her program included songs by German, French, Russian, Italian, English and American composers. Each group was interpreted sympathetically and with artistic finish.

ARTISS deVOLT RETURNS

Artiss deVolt, harpist, played a return engagement at C. N. S. October 28. The program was particularly enjoyed by the students, to whom Miss deVolt's playing brought richer realization of the terms glissando and pizzicato.

Miss deVolt was assisted by Eleanore Hood, contralto, whose folk songs were charming, and by Ford Montgomery, pianist of skill and brilliance.

"ESCAPE"
by Ethel Vance

Another novel of Nazi Germany. Yes, but different. In the first place it is an intensely good story, filled with breathtaking suspense and excitement, sprinkled with humor which enlightens the grimness of its cloudy circumstances. Through her character, Miss Vance, whoever she may be, conveys her loathing of the tyranny and cruelty of present day Germany. Her narrative for all its length, moves rapidly from one thrilling incident to another giving full intensity to every sordid fact included.

THE REVOLUTION OF
NIHILISM
by Hermann Rouschning

This book preceded "Escape" by ten weeks. It shows the Nazi movement through the eyes of a former President of the Danzig Senate. Penetrating in its analysis and frank in its revelation, the book is well written.

FIRST DAY IMPRESSIONS

Feeling very much as she did twelve years ago when she hesitantly entered the primary room pulled along encouragingly by her mother's arm, the 1939 Freshman steps gingerly into the office and asks for her room number.

Following an upperclassman guide, a climb up three flights brings her to a maze of corridors, one of which yields her room. "Will I ever learn my way around?" She thinks.

Then follows an introduction to her roommate, a noisy setting down of suitcases, boxes, bags and paraphernalia.

Freshmen and roommate proceed to arrange room and are interrupted in the fourth attempt by the supper bell. Accompanied by Sophomore sponsors who seat her at their table and proceed to try and set her at ease and end by making her wish she was a Sophomore, the Freshman passes her first meal. If asked what she had eaten she wouldn't know—she was so preoccupied and excited.

Dinner over, the Freshmen are escorted to the Old Chapel where there is an informal gathering where each student is easily recognized by the bewildered expression as she acknowledges the twenty-fourth introduction.

Back again in her room, unpacking begins and throughout the evening upperclassmen drop in to keep the newcomers from getting homesick.

Lights out at ten find the Freshman unable to sleep. Scenes new and different pass through her mind's eye. In anticipation, tinged with homesickness she visualizes her coming year. Soon she dozes off to sleep and dreams of home.

ART UNDERSTANDING

To learn to like art, look at it long and often, was the keynote of the discussion of art understanding presented to C. N. S. students October 18 by Joseph Winterbotham one of the directors of the Fleming Museum, and amateur art collector. Art should be judged for different qualities, he continued, rhythm, composition, color, and should not be rated on the basis of realism. As an example he showed a rhythmic modern French painting, pointing out that art differs from photography in that the artist may introduce into the scene any motif which will carry out his general design. Good draftsmanship, said Mr. Winterbotham, is the foundation of all great art, but not in the narrow sense of rigid realism. The great artist, with his knowledge of structure, scale, proportion and perspective, is able to exaggerate and distort to gain a more intense effect than mere realism could produce.

At the close of his discussion, Mr. Winterbotham invited the students to see his collection of originals among which the following painters are represented: Renoir, Gauguin, Riviera, VanGogh, Courbet, Cezanne, Degas, Daumier, Matisse, Picasso, Utrillo, Redon, El Greco, Dufresne, Corot, Manet, Sert, Derain, Pissarro.

NEW BOOK ON VERMONT

Vermont, bids fair to rival other states in its popularity as a source of material for authors. New England Year by Muriel Follett is just off the Stephen Daye Press. It records family life on a Vermont farm.

JUNIORS VISIT QUARRY

The Junior class experienced their first field trip in connection with the study of Geology in their visit to the Vermont Marble Quarry in West Rutland. This quarry is believed to be one of the deepest in the world.

Upon arrival at the office, members were met by a guide and tickets of admission were given which could be kept as souvenirs.

To reach the "kitchen" it was necessary to descend 300 feet by the way of numberless steps. After numerous complaints and squeals of fear, the floor was reached. A car track proved to be the path, which lead into the "kitchen" or place where the men were working. Here channeling and drilling were observed. After a rock is channeled and drilled, the block is barred out. The block which was out at that time was about 30 tons in weight. It takes 18 men to get a block out and an average of two blocks are taken out per day.

From here the guide took the group to the place where the blocks are carried out. Each student was carefully loaded in the block car which is raised by a cable and in 7 minutes stood on the top of the quarry. The capacity of the car is 75 tons.

Next the group went to the cutting shed where the cutting of blocks was seen. Mr. Keech's explanation following first-hand observation has added to the Junior's interest and understanding of marble in its various processes.

MRS. MARGUERITE TUCKER SPEAKS AT CHAPEL

Mrs. Marguerite Tucker, with ethics as her general subject, addressed Castleton Students at a recent chapel program.

She illustrated her ideas on ethical standards by very interesting personal anecdotes, and won the immediate approval of her audience by her delightfully informal manner of speaking.

Mrs. Tucker, formerly of Brattleboro, and long active in the Women's Club activities, now lives in St. Albans.

NEW HOME FOR GRANGE

Bomoseen Grange has taken possession of its recently acquired home. The new quarters are in the building formerly known as the Yellow Academy, built 140 years ago. At one time this building was known as the Rutland County Grammar School. Dedicatory exercises were attended by members and friends of the Grange, Friday October 27.

HIKE UP BIRD MOUNTAIN

The climbing of Birdseye Mountain was the objective set for a hike, sponsored by the athletic association Monday, October 30.

Due to adverse weather conditions only the real hiking enthusiasts ventured forth and were transported by Harold Brown to the base of the mountain.

Lack of knowledge as to the trail leading up the mountain led to the breaking of a new route which proved to be successful bringing the hikers to the top in record time.

A pack basket dinner was prepared and eaten at the Summit.

ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

1939-1940

CLASSES

Senior Class

President..... Kathryn Temple
Vice President..... Bernard Odell
Secretary-Treasurer..... Veronica Brough

Junior Class

President..... Barbara Slack
Vice President..... Mona Williams
Secretary..... Frances McKenna
Treasurer..... Marjorie Dix

Sophomore Class

President..... Elva Martineau
Vice President..... Mae Chamberlin
Secretary..... Irma Foster
Treasurer..... Alfred Royce

Freshman Class

Officers not yet elected.

ORGANIZATIONS

Student Cooperative Association

President..... Jean Corcoran
Vice President..... Mary Eleanor Hunt
Secretary..... Ruth Flanders
Treasurer..... Frances Stewart.

Commuters' Association

President..... Jean Hinchey
Secretary..... Pearl McMahon
Treasurer..... Glen Maynard

Rural Club

President..... Sylvia Fenn
Vice President..... Ruth Flanders
Secretary..... Jean Adams
Treasurer..... Barbara Phillips

C. N. S. Players

President..... Marjorie Park
Vice President..... Virginia Moore
Secretary-Treasurer..... Olive Rumney

International Club

President..... William Jones
Other officers not yet chosen.

Athletic Association

President..... Albert Dauphin
Vice President..... Margaret Flower
Secretary..... Charlena Thomas
Treasurer..... Phyllis Amidon

Men's Union

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Vice President..... William Jones
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FACULTY MOVES

Among the changes of residence in the faculty group may be noted: Dr. Woodruff from the Administration building to Glenbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Fox to one of the Northrup apartments, Miss Ewald from Leavenworth Hall to the Higley apartment, the Arnolds from Castleton Corners to Mrs. Brough's house on South Street, Misses Black and Morrill from Leavenworth Hall to the Northrup apartments.

STIMULATING NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY

Art

Leonardo da Vinci..... Vallentin
Revolt in the Arts..... Sayler
Sculpture Inside and Out..... Hoffman

Music

The Appreciation of Music..... Welch
Music, History and Ideas..... Leichtentritt
An American Musician's Story..... Stokowski

Biography

The Prince Imperial..... John
All in the Day's Work..... Tarbell
The Unlocked Book..... Clark
I Wanted to Be an Actress..... Cornell

Stage

Historic Costumes for the Stage..... Barton
Modern Theatre Practice..... Heffner,
Selden, Sellman
Make-up..... Baird
The Family Reunion..... Eliot

SENIOR TEACHING SCHEDULE

Rutland

Miss Dwyer, Park St. School
Miss Kearney, Lincoln School
Miss Mound, Longfellow School

Center Rutland

Miss Molnar, Graded School

Castleton

Mr. Henebry, Graded School
Miss Lyons, Graded School

Fair Haven

Miss Johnson, Main St. School
Miss Anderson, Main St. School
Miss Brough, Main St. School
Miss Temple, Main St. School
Mr. Jones, Main St. School

Proctor

Mr. Nichols, Main St. School
Mr. Odell, Main St. School

CATHOLIC STUDENTS' FORM WEEKLY DISCUSSION CLUB

In the past few years Discussion Clubs have been held all over the country. Recently several of these clubs have been formed in Castleton. The Catholic young people at the Normal School have formed their club with Elizabeth Heffernan as leader and Margaret Flower as secretary. This club meets weekly on Fridays at St. John's Parish House to discuss matters of relative importance to Catholics. As a basis for discussion the text, "Altar and Sanctuary" is being used.

4-H LEADER SPEAKS TO SOPHS. AND JUNIORS

Mr. Edward Bergstrom, leader of the Rutland county 4-H clubs, discussed the problems and needs of rural young people before members of the Sophomore and Junior classes on the afternoon of October 20.

Among the requisites of efficient rural work, he mentioned the importance of local leadership, of information about the community, and of gaining the confidence of the young people. According to the Smith-Hughes plan, course credit is based on practical application of principles to a vocational project carried on outside of school. The room improvement program carried on in Home Economics classes is an example of this. The 4-H clubs parallel the work of classes with their cooking, clothing, and room improvement programs for the girls, and the dairy project for the boys.

The most important group activities of this county are participation in the exhibits at the Rutland Fair, sending representatives to the county 4-H camp, and the annual group recreation meet held at the Rutland Armory.

ENROLLMENT FIGURES

School teaching as a profession continues to attract many young people as shown by the 1939-1940 enrollment of the entering class at C. N. S. Eight counties in Vermont and three outside states are represented by this year's Freshman class as compared to six Vermont counties and two outside states represented last year.

Rutland county has the largest number with a total of thirty-one.

Following is a comparison of counties and states represented by the Freshman classes of the last two years.

	1938	1939
Rutland	37	31
Addison	2	6
Windsor	5	6
Windham	12	5
Bennington	5	5
Washington	4	2
Orange	0	1
Orleans	0	1
Massachusetts	1	1
New York	4	4
New Hampshire	0	1

FACULTY CHANGES

Mrs. Ruth R. Hewitt, instructor in Home Economics and Director of Leavenworth Hall is back after a year's leave of absence. Mrs. Hewitt studied last year in New York and received her Master's degree from Columbia University.

Miss Emma Holmes, who substituted for Mrs. Hewitt, has gone to Topeka, Kansas where she heads the department of Home Economics at Washburn College.

COMING ATTRACTION

An unusual opportunity to hear a program of music representative of various nations will be offered by the International Club next Wednesday at 4:15 in Leavenworth Hall. The form in which the music is to be presented is carefully concealed.

BREVITIES

A birthday party was held in the Sports Room October 17, for Miss Elizabeth Heffernan who was presented a compact by the guests.

Breakfast picnics at David's Oven have proved very attractive to the more hardy and vigorous early-risers.

Miss Leona Vesper has returned home for a short time because of illness.

Miss Elva Martineau and Miss Ruth Dunkley entertained their mothers here at school October 28 and 29.

Alice Colvin of the freshman class, has returned to school after an enforced vacation caused by an accident.

Elizabeth Corliss has moved from the Higley house, and is now rooming with Leona Vesper at Leavenworth Hall. Norma Bailey, also from Higley's, is now at Phillips House.

Waneta Hull and Doris Gailbraith have moved from Mrs. St. John's to the Higley house.

The foyer is entertaining a new boarder, a mouse who has been in turn the guest of the Misses Sprague and Brigham, Carpenter and Colvin, Vesper and Dary.

Miss Marion Tyler visited her sister Majorie Tyler over the week-end.

Mr. Dwight Marshall, Mr. Richard Grosvenor, Mr. William Hammond, and Mr. Meade Stevens, all of U. V. M. were recent guests of Miss Mildred Simpson.

Mrs. Russell and Mr. Dustin Russell of Brandon were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt.

Margaret Ferris, '43 has left school for the year and returned to her home.

Misses Ewald, Kelly and Eva Barrows are members of a music appreciation class conducted by Mr. Paul Pelton at the Rutland Library.

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SPORTS FOR MEN

The men's basketball team was temporarily made homeless due to the repair work being done on the Town Hall. At the present time, the team is planning to use the Methodist gym in Rutland. This gym is larger than the Town Hall and has a better set-up for basketball. Because of this arrangement, Coach Fox is attempting to arrange an earlier and more compact schedule than in previous years. It is possible that one or two games will be played before the Christmas holidays and the other games soon after. Danbury Teachers of Connecticut and Lyndon Normal of Lyndonville are already in contact with our school concerning the scheduling of games. Last year the Danbury team came to Vermont but because of weather conditions a return game was not played. This year Danbury wishes us to be their guests in Connecticut. Games with Lyndon will be played at both Castleton and Lyndonville. Plymouth Normal of New Hampshire, one of our oldest and keenest rivals has not yet been heard from. It is doubtful if Gorham, a new member on our schedule last year, can come to Castleton this year as planned.

This may be a bit early for all this talk of basketball but as this is the most important sport for the men it is of much importance to the boys at Castleton.

GLENBROOK DAM INCREASES RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

With the completion of work on the Glenbrook dam, under the sponsorship of the N. Y. A., a new path in the field of recreation has been opened to the students of Castleton Normal School.

Covering over three acres it will make an ideal skating rink in winter, and provide facilities for swimming, fishing, and boating during the warmer Spring months.

We feel sure that the hard work of Joe, Stan, Fran, Jim, and George, who made this project a success will be appreciated by all who have recreational interests along these lines.

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SPORTS FOR WOMEN

A group of sports enthusiasts gathered together in the auditorium the second week of school to elect activity leaders for the various sports: Soft Ball, Mary Dwyer; Hockey, Mildred Simpson; Volley Ball, Elizabeth Heffernan; Basketball, Frances Stewart; Badminton, Kay Temple; Table Tennis, Bill Jones; Tennis, Joe Sanders; Archery, Stan Offensend; Hiking, Ruth Seabury; Skiing, Margaret Flower; Skating, Mary Eleanor Hunt; Tobogganning, Helen Knutson.

The Athletic Association held another meeting October 21. At this meeting it was voted to enlarge available equipment. Among the articles to be added are ping-pong balls, bows, arrows and finger guards, and tennis balls. Sportsmen we have the equipment. Let's use it!

The aim of the Athletic Association is to arouse the interest of everyone in the sports available at Castleton Normal School. Without cooperation this aim will not be achieved. As C. N. S. is our school, the sports are our sports!

Scanning the headlines on the sport page of newspapers or seeing sports movies reveals the names of such women as Helen Wills Moody, Helen Jacobs, tennis champions; Eleanor Holm, Gertrude Ederle, swimmers; Sonja Heinie, Maribel Vinson, skaters and Glenna Orcutt, golfer.

SOPHOMORE CLASS DIRECTS PLAY ACTIVITIES

Experimental playground activity for the enjoyment of the pupils of Castleton Graded School, is conducted by the Sophomore class of the Normal School each Saturday morning at Glenbrook and Dewey Field.

Pupils of the first four grades and their younger brothers and sisters are guided in play by the Sophomore girls under the direction of Miss Ewald. The playhouse, slide, swings, sandtables, and a spacious playground at Glenbrook provide ample sources of recreation. A story hour concludes the morning's activity.

Boys of the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are instructed in football by the Sophomore men on Dewey Field.

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ALUMNI

Marriages

Margaret Sellick, '37, and Russell Baker were recently married. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are living in Brandon.

Doris MacDonald, '37, who is now Mrs. William Corey, is teaching in Forestdale rural school.

Stacia Phillips, '37, and John Hodeka, '36, were married during the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Hodeka are making their home in Poultney.

Merle Bemis, '42, was married this summer to Roland Brunell. Mr. and Mrs. Brunell, who make their home in Brattleboro, were recent visitors.

Teaching addresses of former students:

William Clark, '37, Middlebury
Ann Benson, '36, South Wallingford
Lorraine Jones, '37, Pawlet
Blanche Bushey, '30, Vernon
Robert Lorette, '37, Rutland
Doris Lanthier, '39, Rochester
Marjorie Pitts, '39, Rochester
Shirley Knapp, '39, Rochester
Martha Stepanian, '39, Rochester
Paul Hatch, '39, Hancock
Ella Cassidy, '39, Rochester

Visitors of the Month

Mr. and Mrs. William Woolcott and daughter, Dottie Jean, visited in Castleton the week-end of October 21. Mrs. Woolcott is the former Greta Larrow, '38.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold entertained Marion Drown, '39, and Rudolph Morse, '39, over the week-end of the Senior Dance.

Former students who returned for the Senior dance were Ethel Toth, Polly Anna Jones, George Harrington, Clara Loveland, Beatrice Taylor, Ruth Belden, and Barbara Jones.

Mary Wiggins and Florence Chase were recent visitors at Leavenworth Hall.

Norma Shepherd, '38, now teaching in Huntington, spent Sunday with Charlotte Irish.

General News

Jean Adams '37 and David Offensend '35 are attending Boston University.

Elsie Mary Dowe, '37, with her family is moving to Florida.

ORCHIDS TO HELPERS

The officers of the Birdseye Staff wished to recognize the able assistants whose services are so vital to the success of the paper.

Evelyn Anderson, senior; Anita Foley Pauline Hinckley, Catherine Moriarty Joseph Sanders, Frank Alex, juniors Phyllis Amidon, Lois Billings, Marjorie Perrin, Blanche Sedergren, Eleanor Tiff Francis Moriarty, sophomores; Norma Bailey, Lodemis Cary, Josephine Hinckley Norma Howard, Wendell Bartholomew James Benton, Lovina Orvis, Vera Slack Constance Phillips, Anna Wilkins, Leona Vesper, Florence Willett, Eleanor Wilson Joseph Solari, George Sparks, freshmen.

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MEN'S UNION SCORES WITH FOOTBALL DANCE

From kick-off to final touchdown, the Football Dance sponsored by the Men's Union on November 25 was a high scorer for its team.

About 45 couples danced to the music of Ianni's orchestra on the regulation field marked on the floor of the auditorium. The decorations were murals showing all phases of football, from a scrimmage line reinforcing the orchestra, through all the plays, running consecutively around the hall. The final score in the first half was made by the water boys who served the refreshments.

Dr. Woodruff, Coach and Mrs. Fox, Alfred Henebry, president of the Men's Union, and Edward Fish, chairman of the dance committee, were in the receiving line.

STUDENT COOPERATIVE ENTERTAINS

At a recent meeting of the Student Cooperative Association a program was presented by representatives of the Third Floor East Corridor, with Vera Slack as chairman. Evelyn Coyne was the announcer. Two solos, "Viennese Lullaby" and "Juanita" were sung by Alice Colvin accompanied by Eleanor Wilson. "Words, Words, Words" a campus skit, portrayed rather humorous conversation between two different groups of college students. Those taking part in the first scene were Elizabeth Sargent and Virginia Nelson. Eleanor Tift, Vera Slack, Rhoda Pratt and Bernice Tricell participated in the second act. The "Thanksgiving Hymn," sung by the entire group, accompanied at the piano by Louise Allen closed the program.

PHILIP'S HOUSE GIRLS ENTERTAIN

To foster more intimate association between faculty and students outside of classes, the members of Philip's House have planned activities to this end.

The girls cooperated in serving the first of a series of social suppers on November 14, 1939. Guests were Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Leavenworth, and Alfred Henebry as a student guest.

Last Thursday evening the fifteen residents planned, prepared, and served a Thanksgiving dinner, with Dr. Woodruff, Miss Morrill, and Miss Black as guests. Anna Heleba presided as hostess. The dinners will continue until all the faculty have been entertained.

LOUIS ADAMIC COMING

Louis Adamic, dynamic writer on America and its problems will speak at C. N. S. January 29. Mr. Adamic, who as a young boy came to this country from Yugoslavia, won the Guggenheim Fellowship for 1932-33.

ERMINIE HEWITT NOTT TELLS OF LONDON VISIT

Echoes from the triennial conference of the International Association of Country Women which met in London last summer were brought to C. N. S. students by Mrs. Erminie Hewitt Nott in an informal lecture last week. Mrs. Nott was a delegate from Windsor county to this meeting of farm women.

As the personal representative of the King, Prime Minister Chamberlin welcomed the guests at their opening session.

The conference themes centered around the use of natural resources, the division of labor and cooperation in the home, leisure time activities, the development of the rural theatre, and the improvement of rural schools.

The association was organized in 1929 for the purpose of promoting friendly relations among country women throughout the world, organizing country women's clubs into a world association and encouraging the organization of farm women's clubs in all countries.

All addresses at the conference were presented in French, German and English. Delegates from 38 countries presented a colorful picture in their native costumes.

The entire group was entertained by Lady Astor at her country place.

Windsor Castle, the Shakespeare country, Warwick Castle and Oxford University were among the sights Mrs. Nott enjoyed most.

An invitation to Mrs. Nott to return for a second lecture met with enthusiastic response from the entire audience.

HOBBYIST PRESENTS BALLADS

With "Gypsy Daisy" a Scottish ballad, as her opening song, Mrs. Ralph Flanders of Springfield, spoke to a group of faculty members and students in Leavenworth Hall, November 9.

Mrs. Flanders, who is a member of the Commission on the Research of the Ideals and Traditions of Rural Life, has spent several years collecting and arranging Vermont ballads. She is known throughout the state for her achievement in this work.

SOPHOMORES HOLD CHAPEL PROGRAM

The Sophomore Class, sponsors of the first student chapel program of the year, presented a musical entertainment recently. Phyllis Amidon, introduced by Elva Martineau, the class president, announced the selections.

The program consisted of vocal solos by Ruth Flanders and Charlotte Williams; a piano solo by Faoline Colby; a piano duet by Mildred Simpson and Sylvia Fenn. A quartet composed of Sylvia Fenn, Ferol Keech, Virginia Moore, and Marjorie Tyler sang the concluding number.

Delegates To Boston Conference Bring Reports To Students

SENIOR DELEGATE



RHODA LYONS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANNED BY DRAMATIC CLUB

With the holiday season fast approaching and plans for activities being made by all organizations, the C. N. S. players have volunteered again to produce the Christmas program. Marjorie Park, president of the organization and in charge of arrangements, made the final announcement at the regular meeting held Thursday, November 16.

Two groups within the club also chose their chairman for the year. The acting group will be headed by Barbara Phillips and the Folk Dancing group by Helen Knutson.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GUESTS OF SCHOOL

High School Senior Day was observed Friday, November 24, when 67 delegates from High Schools in southern Vermont were guests of the school.

The purpose of this annual occasion is to acquaint prospective students with the daily routine life of C. N. S. Each visitor, accompanied by a Freshman sponsor attended Freshman classes during the day. Freshmen and their guests had luncheon together in Leavenworth Hall.

ELECTIONS HELD BY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

An organization meeting of the International Relations Club was held November 17 to elect officers and to make plans for future meetings. The temporary executive committee, Alfred Henebry, Norma Howard, Phyllis Amidon with William Jones, President, Albert Dauphin, Vice President, and Ruth Seabury Secretary and Treasurer were unanimously elected as a permanent committee. The chair appointed the following program

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Representatives of the senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman classes together with Miss Markham and Mr. Keech of the faculty gave a report of the New England Teacher Training conference at an informal student gathering last Thursday.

Each delegate made a summary of the student conference she attended, then supplemented the conclusions reached by the Boston group with application to our own school needs.

Intercollegiate student activities considered included debating, forum, and panel discussion, sports and athletics, arts, crafts and hobby exhibitions, music and drama festivals. If recommendations made by these representatives were followed, C. N. S. would sponsor more hobby shows, provide greater opportunity for students to engage in public speaking and encourage more cooperative activity in music and drama with other schools.

Social affairs and sight-seeing pleasures of the conference added to the lively and vivid reports of Misses Lyons, Slack, Martineau and Hineckley.

C. N. S. PRESENTS EDU- CATION WEEK PROGRAM

Education for the American way of Life was the theme set by the National Education Association for American Education Week. The Castleton Normal School is justly proud of its contribution, as a teacher training institution, to the program of this week, through the facilities of radio station W. S. Y. B. in Rutland.

Each day from Sunday, November 5, through Friday, November 10, a member of the Castleton Faculty, introduced by Mr. Keech, delivered a three to a five minute talk on a subject vital to American Education.

The program was as follows:

Sunday, November 5, Miss Alice M.

Morrill, Topic: American Education.

Monday, November 6, Mr. W. Jerome

Arnold, Topic: American Education and the War in Europe.

Tuesday, November 7, Mr. Richard

Fox, Topic: Education for Self-realization.

Wednesday, November 8, Mrs. Ruth

Hewitt, Topic: Education for Family Relationship.

Thursday, November 9, Miss Florence

Black, Topic: Education for Civic Responsibility.

Friday, November 10, Dr. Caroline S.

Woodruff, Topic: Making Teaching a Profession.

FROSH ELECT OFFICERS

The Freshman class of 1939 elected on November 23 its officers for the present

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TALENT AND SPIRIT

Too many times one recognizes the destructive criticism that creeps on campuses with pessimistic non-thinking. Our campus is not exempt from this plague. As an antidote for dissatisfaction, there's nothing like stimulating and utilizing student initiative to make constructive suggestions for good substitutions. The teachers' colleges of today must provide abundant opportunity for students to assume and meet responsibility if they are to produce strong, dynamic teachers for tomorrow.

The starting point in our immediate case might well be a series of informal entertainments for these cold weather week-ends, such as the recent Hallowe'en Party. Elaborate, formal affairs are not necessary. The school could feel justly proud and secure in knowing that the men and women were broadening their own social life on the campus through a variety of wholesome activities. The purchase of an electric record player as our second step could contribute materially to dancing and to musical appreciation for the student body. As a third means of adding life and strengthening school spirit on all occasions, our present school songs should receive attention. They need to be more than a rhyme set to someone else's tune or a kindergarten dirge like our Welcome and Birthday songs.

We need more informal entertainment, a good machine for musical entertainment, and school songs that prove our own talent and show our own spirit.

A BAFFLING PROBLEM

For many people, Book Week is a time seriously to consider the innumerable opportunities to broaden their concept of reading and to receive intellectual stimulation along with personal enjoyment from books. It is a time to follow up special interests with investigation as well as a time to encourage others to explore new and unfamiliar types of literature. To others, it is merely a time to make speeches and posters saying there are many kinds of books to be read.

How to utilize and extend the special interest in reading which Book Week creates is one problem which baffles teachers. Since "literature is caught, not taught," if teachers place new or different material before children at frequent intervals, and encourage them to interest each other by reading or telling an interesting portion of each book, a carry-over effect may result that will help make every week Book Week.

ACTION VS. PASSIVENESS

In spite of the fact that the schedule is still quite a variable thing, it is evident that it is definitely lighter this year.

This fact tends to make students relax, letting weeks slip blissfully by, getting the most fun out of college life. In a few months when work has piled up, programs will be examined and the fact that they are easier will be questioned. This pile-up is inevitable if the students allow it. It can be avoided. Each student is in an advantageous position now. After a time, catching-up will be impossible. We need to act now for future results.

WHY NOT A "BOOK CLUB"

"Have you read 'The Grapes of Wrath'?"

"You bet. It certainly has given me a few things to think about. How did you like it?" "I thought it was great." How often do we hear the above statements spoken around school about some recent book?

Many of us are interested in discussing the books that we have read or are reading.

What better way can we air our ideas and reactions on current literature than by starting a Book Club right now. Oh, not a regular organization with officers, a faculty advisor and dues, (if we have dues count me out) but just an informal get-together with a chairman to keep things moving.

Here's hoping someone takes the initiative and begins a Book Club because I want to hear about "Reaching For The Stars" from those who've read it.

DEMOCRACY FOUND

Here is one place where every individual can always get a plain, critical but not too biased, nor too condemning an audience. It is a real Utopia, the one last fort where suppression is not practiced until all have been heard and every statement evaluated, where the more democratic men of the faculty spend most of their spare time learning, and those present wish all could find more time to pass in conversation. It is well recognized here that a policy of education should be directed in our school to the use of what we in Vermont have, and not the extensive fostering of a false idea that those things from the outside are better because we do not have them. Where wishing might better be turned into doing, where a gang of good fellows form a last outpost against the world of hatred, war and intolerance—the best example I know of true democracy—The Men's Room.

COLORED SINGERS
PLEASE VERMONTERS

Music lovers of Vermont have been greatly privileged to hear two of the leading colored singers of the world during the past two weeks.

Miss Marian Anderson, world famed, vibrant contralto, presented a concert November 14, in Burlington at the Memorial Auditorium. This concert was under the auspices of the Mary Fletcher Hospital Association and entertained a vast audience. Always graceful and charming, Miss Anderson has a personality of quiet authority. Genius and talent have touched this artist and set her apart as one of the greatest singers of her day.

Dorothy Maynor, young Negro soprano, offered a musical program last Sunday in the Community Concert Series in Rutland, which met with overwhelming success. Koussevitsky has said that her voice shows great promise and cautions the rest of the world to watch her future. During the summer Miss Maynor participated in the Berkshire Festival.

POET VIEWS STATE
IN EVENING LECTURE

"Vermont, A Way of Life" was the topic of an address by Professor Arthur W. Peach, Chairman of the Committee of research on *Ideals and Traditions of Vermont*, given in the auditorium the evening of November 7. Beginning with a touch of humor, Professor Peach recalled an introduction he received which closed with the announcement, "and now we have a date with a Peach," which he characterized as one of the worst puns concerning his name he had ever heard. Mr. Peach said that that which makes Vermont and her people is something deeper than her material possessions. It has to do with the inner characteristics which Vermonters have. The four outstanding traits he believes are, willingness to toil, love of personal liberty, love of home, and desire for political liberty. In verification of these traits he read selections from the verse of Vermont poets. Reflecting a typical Vermont attitude of contentedness and love of home, he said in closing, "You may have your apartment in a great city, but do not attempt to take from me my little home in Vermont."

I. R. C. PROGRAM ATTRACTS
FIFTY MEMBERS

International music was enjoyed by seventy-five students and several faculty members in the lobby of Leavenworth Hall on November 8. This was the first program sponsored by the International Relations Club with Mr. Arnold as advisor. Following the musical program coffee and cookies were served. Norma Howard poured, Vera Slack, Rhoda Pratt, Olive Rumney, and Avis LaClair served. Mrs. Arnold was the donor of the delicious cookies. Fifty students interested in becoming active members of the club signed the roll.

AMERICAN YOUTH
COMMISSION STUDIES
UNEMPLOYMENT

Four years of study on just one problem comprises the record of the American Youth Commission in its investigation of youth unemployment.

This commission which is sponsored by the American Council of Education recently proposed the formation of a new public work program for unemployed young people over 16 years old who are not going on to school. It is anticipated that such a program will afford educational values through vocational preparation and guidance.

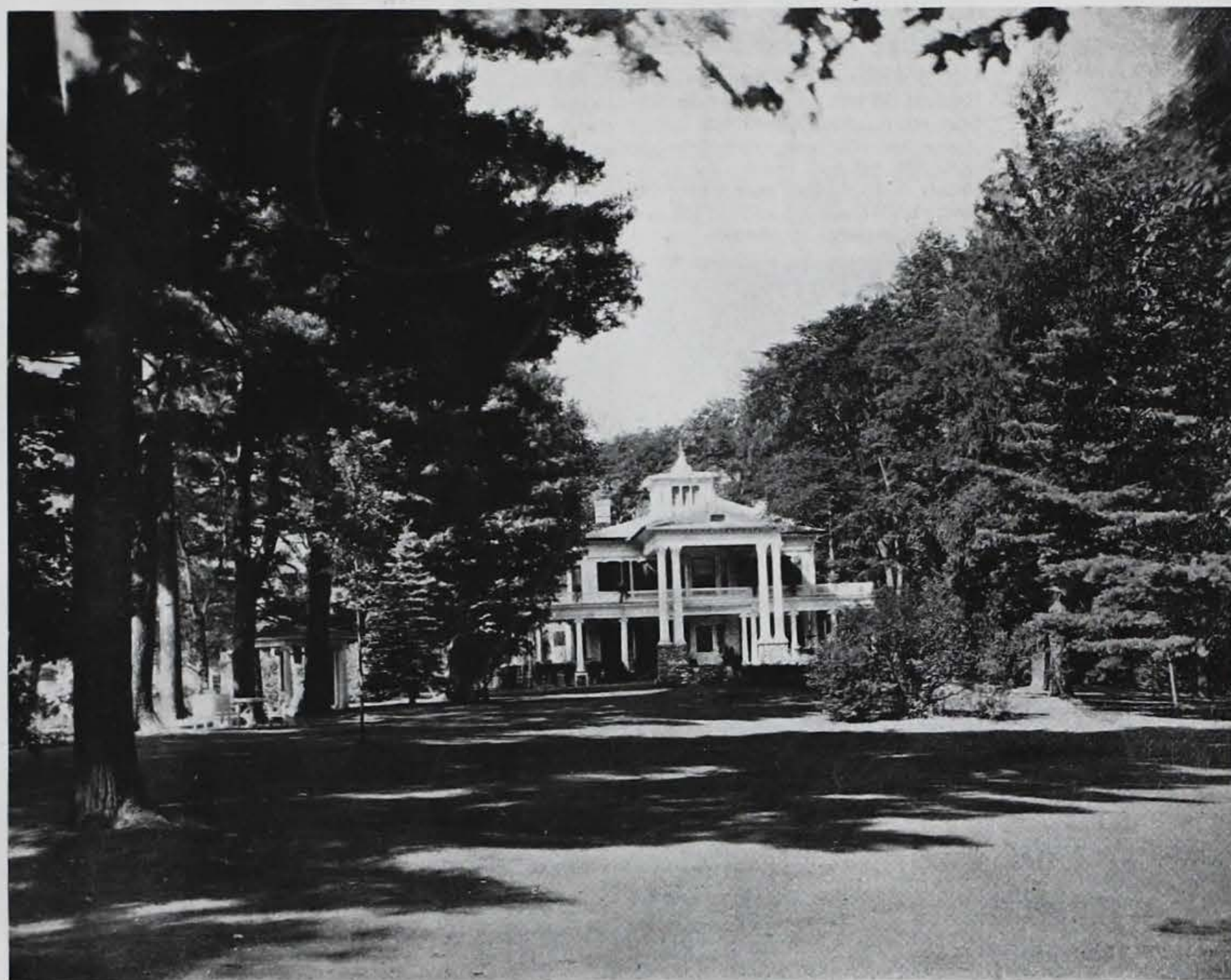
In view of the recent interest in youth evidenced by the formation of vocational courses in high schools, such a program might become extremely valuable in helping youth to become adjusted to the business world.

ELECTIONS HELD

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committee, Marjorie Dix, Chairman, Wendall Bartholomew, Jean Corcoran, Barbara Slack and Alice Hamilton. A second committee to revise the constitution consisted of Albert Dauphin, Chairman, Kathryn Temple, Francis Moriarty and Rhoda Pratt.

GLENBROOK PROPERTY PRESENTED TO STATE NORMAL SCHOOL



GLENBROOK HOUSE

AN APPRECIATION

By C. S. W.

Seldom has an educational institution in Vermont been the recipient of a more gracious and significant gift than was presented to the State of Vermont for the use of the Castleton Normal School on Commencement Day in June, 1939, by Mr. George Adams Ellis of New York City, formerly of Castleton, and a graduate of the Castleton Normal School in 1895.

His home, GLENBROOK, is a beautiful estate located only a few minutes walk from the Administration Building of the Normal School. The entrance to the property is somewhat back from the main street, leading up by a winding road through a wooded grove of century-old trees to the house, a white colonial mansion whose porte cochere and broad porches on three sides, set with classic columns give the dignity becoming an educational institution, yet without ostentation, and having all the beauty and charm of a private home.

In addition the property includes valuable timber lands, pasturage and meadows, with broad sweeping lawns, gardens, fountain and an old well-sweep, with two mountain streams running through a deeply wooded glen, giving the place its name.

AS THE STUDENTS SEE IT

LIFE AT THE CROW'S NEST

The Crow's Nest—What is it? Where is it? To enlighten those who do not already know, the Crow's Nest is the men's dormitory of the Castleton Normal School. Its location is almost ideal as it lies right beside the Barn or we should say the gym, for the Barn, which is a part of Glenbrook, is now in the process of becoming the first real gymnasium the school has ever known.

You may ask, is there any social life at the Crow's Nest? The answer is, absolutely. At least twice a week the fellows find time, between outside social engagements and studying to get together and spend a pleasant evening at home. With a huge bowl of popcorn in the middle of the table, and a basket of apples in the middle of the floor, and each fellow in what he considers a most comfortable position, the atmosphere becomes one of peace and contentment.

What are the topics of conversation? Well, they may be World Problems or how to keep the mice from eating the soap. At any rate they are always on the highest level.

When the refreshments are gone, the conversation continues around the bridge

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GLENBROOK RESIDENTS

Glenbrook House:

Dr. Caroline S. Woodruff

Mrs. Jennie Waterman

Miss Rachel Hinckley

Miss Marion Tucker

Miss Helen Workman

Miss Rhoda Lyons

Miss Kathryn Temple

Miss Pauline Hinckley

Glenbrook Men's Dormitory

Albert Dauphin

William Jones

Francis Moriarity

Stanley Offensend

Joseph F. Cromwell Sanders

George Sparks

AT GLENBROOK HOUSE

"A house sufficient unto itself" describes "the family" at Glenbrook House. This compact group includes Dr. Woodruff, Mrs. Waterman, Misses Tucker, Workman and Hinckley, and a student body of three, Rhoda Lyons, Kathryn Temple and Pauline Hinckley.

Informal breakfasts are served despite occasional catastrophes such as the kitchen clock toppling into the oatmeal.

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LETTER OF PRESENTATION

One-Twenty Broadway
New York

June 9, 1939

Dear Miss Woodruff,

I regret, as I already have informed you, that it is impossible for me to be present on Commencement Day. I should be very happy to greet my old Columbia classmate, John Redwood Fisher. Your plan to have a formal presentation of "Glenbrook" followed by acceptance by John Fisher, as Chairman of the State Board of Education would have been most pleasing.

We have been much touched by the many expressions of regret over our removal from Castleton. We can assure our friends that very soon we will have a new home in Vermont which properly will be called "our farm" and instead of moving from the State we expect and hope to become more and more active in furthering the interests of the State.

My birthplace, the town of Castleton, and the County of Rutland, hold, and will ever hold, a unique place for me. For no other place in the world can so pull at my heart strings or so stir my emotions as that small village and the hills surrounding it:—Lone Pine Hill to the south that grieves for its lost pine; Bird Moun-

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BREVITIES

Birthdays

The girls of the Foyer gave a birthday party for Alma Birchard.

Lovina Orvis was given a birthday party November 14 by Marjorie Perrin.

Virginia Moore celebrated her birthday with a party November 3.

A birthday party was given for Ruth Colton by Phyllis Johnson.

Visits

Evelyn Anderson visited friends in Bennington for the week-end.

Lois Billings spent Armistice Day week-end in Barre as the guest of Viola Perry.

John Parker, a former student, visited here Friday.

Helen Brigham spent this week-end with Alma Birchard.

Avis LaClair spent the past week-end with Betty Towne '35.

Mildred Simpson was the guest of Marjorie Tyler Armistice Day week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold visited in Boston over the last week-end.

Francis Benton spent the week-end in Middlebury with relatives.

Bud Fish and Anita Puricelli were guests of Elizabeth Heffernan at her home in Springfield November 13.

Miss Skeeles was a dinner guest here Sunday.

Veda Rumney spent Monday night with her sister Olive.

AT GLENBROOK HOUSE

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Impromptu piano recitals are rendered at "catch and run" moments, before or after group meetings by Mr. Arnold, Miss Jackson or Miss Kelly.

Plans are being made for several informal house meetings in the near future, with coffee or popcorn as the center of interest.

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SPORTS FOR WOMEN

The decrease in the temperature has brought the girls from the hockey fields, and other outdoor sports into the old chapel and ping-pong rooms. Here the girls will get into practice for various indoor sports such as, badminton, volley ball, and ping-pong. The ping-pong room is available at all times, the old chapel, however, is only available on Saturdays and after school, but this matter will be adjusted by Christmas.

Girls, get into training, and let's have some tournaments that will show some real competition!

Girls' basketball has been rather doubtful. However, the basketball situation looks much brighter since the barn is being remodeled.

There is little doubt as to whether or not there will be girls' basketball after there is a place to play, as the girls have already shown ample enthusiasm for this keen sport.

Winter sportsman, are you ready for the zero weather when the snow and ice will be here? A suggestion would be to have your skates sharpened and skis waxed. Girls, get your ski suits from the moth balls and we will all join the cry—Let winter come!

HIKING GROUP HAS
OUTING

Outstanding among recent out-door activities at C. N. S. was the long hike to Hubbardton taken by a group of students Monday, November 20. The intended destination of the pleasure-seekers was Mt. Zion, but low temperature made cooking lunch on the mountain top undesirable so the course was altered and the meal cooked and eaten in the valley.

After lunch and an hour of sociability and rest the party returned to Castleton by paths through the woods in preference to the dusty highways. The interest in the strenuous excursion was heightened by conversational contacts with farmers along the way.

FROSH ELECT OFFICERS

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year. Josephine Hineckley was elected president; Genevieve Kelly, vice president; Carlita Phelps, secretary; and Alex Listzwan, treasurer.

The nominating committee consisted of Katherine Howard, Wendall Bartholomew, and Jeanne Lanthier.

THE
BIRDSEYE
DINER

Castleton, Vermont

SPORTS FOR MEN

Although the men's basketball schedule is still indefinite, practice still continues twice a week. This year a new system is being tried out by Coach Fox. The squad has been divided into two groups each group playing as a separate unit. There is no first or second team. The coach believes that with so many men of the same caliber with the two teams he can have a faster and more wide open offense. On one of the teams you find Fran Moriarty jumping center, Charlie Nichols and Don Grace holding down the forward berths, and Al Royce, Jim Steele, and Glen Maynard alternating in the guard positions. The other club finds Joe Sanders and Ed Hart as guards, Gibbs at center, and Al Litzwan, George Sparks, Bud Bartholomew, and Jim Benton shifting at the forward posts. In the scrimmages to date neither team holds any decided advantage with plenty of team work and fast hard basketball holding sway.

This year's team will be managed by Stan Offensend. Stan should be a capable manager and the boys shouldn't lack entertainment on their trips.

Although no definite date as yet has been set Coach Fox is endeavoring to arrange a game with Lyndon Normal for December 9. In all probability this will be the first game of the season for the Green and White. One or two practice games may be played with some of the neighboring high schools.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE BARN

The barn offers an excellent opportunity for the school to fill its biggest need, that of a gymnasium which would be the home of the men's basketball team and could also offer unlimited use for both men and women's physical education. As it stands at present, there are two floors 41 by 66 in size. In order to make it meet our requirements for a varied program of physical activities, additional space is needed. A surface of about sixty feet by forty feet could easily be made available for basketball, volleyball, badminton, handball, and many other indoor activities by extending the building and removing the floor between upper and lower stories. Showers and steam heat would complete the making of a modern standard gymnasium. This is not a pipe dream but a sane answer to one of the school's greatest needs.

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LETTER OF PRESENTATION

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tain to the east where for so many years the Masonic Monument sought to withstand the elements, and in the distance, further east, Killington and Pico of our own beloved Green Mountains, which seem the symbol of steadfastness and courage and honesty. For after all, "our country" is Vermont. Some of that feeling of the early days of Vermont's independence must still permeate the blood of her sons. For those of us who have moved away have retained an almost belligerent pride in her welfare and in her "character." And the State has acquired a character to which added lustre has been given in recent years by her sons in the service of the government, both national and state.

I also should appreciate being present, in the hope of bringing a message to the graduating class that might give them a more serious realization of their duties and responsibilities. I am firmly convinced that most of the troubles in the world today are caused by one of those swings of the pendulum away from the fundamental virtues. Honesty and loyalty, respect and patriotism may seem out of fashion in some countries today and as a matter of fact among powerful factions in all countries. But a spiritual reawakening must come if the World is to be saved from chaos and upon the coming generation the destiny of the World may rest.

Respectfully,

(signed) George Adams Ellis

LOOKING AHEAD

Can you see what Glenbrook will be like in the future? Some of our students have visions which are rich in possibilities and fascinating to contemplate.

In the meadow will be a half mile running track. This will be constructed of cinders making it one of the best in this section. Inside of this track will be a baseball diamond with a skinned infield and grass outfield.

The brook will be the source of a swimming pool and a skating rink. It will also be stocked with fish thus giving some of the students that type of enjoyment.

The woods will offer picnic grounds with stationary fire places. Ski trails will be laid out and there will be a cabin for use in winter.

LIFE AT THE CROW'S NEST

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table or the cribbage board consequently the Crow's Nest Boys are always ready to challenge anyone to a game of cribbage or a hand of bridge.

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Christmas Greetings--New Year Felicitations

Puppets Entertain Large Audiences At Two Performances

The Kingsland Marionetters, with puppet, Mr. Kingsland, as announcer, presented a varied and interesting program on December 8. The puppets were operated by Mr. and Mrs. Head, who conduct a puppetry school at Lake Dunmore in the summer and have been connected with the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury.

A short history of puppets and a description of different types of puppets was given by Mrs. Head, before the curtain parted. Mrs. Head stated that one of the questions most asked was the difference between a puppet and a marionette. She said that the puppet is the genus, and the string variety or marionette, was a specie of the family. Mr. Head then showed examples of puppets from all over the world, from their collection. Among the most interesting were the two dimensional or shadow puppets from Java, China and Bali, and the huge Japanese puppet which requires from three to five operators.

Then the curtain parted showing Mr. Kingsland on the stage, where he introduced the show. The performance included scenes from Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream and the operetta H. M. S. Pinafore by Gilbert and Sullivan, and specialty numbers, the most unusual of which was the skeleton dance.

Alice in Wonderland was presented at the matinee performance for children. A trick bear, the man on the flying trapeze, Slippery Elm, the contortionist, and Coco the monkey, with a clown acting as master of ceremonies, were specialty acts.

SOPHOMORE HOP PLANS FORMULATED AT MEETING

Plans for the first important social event of the new year, the Sophomore Hop, January 13th, were formulated at a recent class meeting.

Bernard Howley was appointed chairman, with Irma Foster, Betty Sedergren, Sylvia Fenn, and Ann Norton assisting, as a committee to make general arrangements.

The Sophomores are also looking forward to a hobby show, in charge of Phyllis Amidon, assisted by Pearl McMahon, Shirley Brown, Viola Perry and Glen Maynard to be given in February.



"There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And a star rains its fire while the Beautiful
sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a
king."

NIGHT OF NIGHTS Glenn Houston

It was a cold clear night this Christmas Eve in Montreal. High above the city the stars winked stolidly back at the thousands of man-made lights on the earth below.

Far above the St. Lawrence, the lights of a plane speeding up from the south, flashed briefly against the starry curtain as the plane swooped down on the airport like a giant silver bird.

Custom and Immigration officials checked and rechecked the gay holiday passengers as they alighted from the cabin of the big ship for beneath its bright exterior Montreal was a city in a country at war.

The last to leave the plane was a girl in the trim blue uniform of an airline hostess. Quickly she crossed the field and entered a waiting taxi to be driven with sure dexterity through the crowded and slippery streets until finally the cab halted at the foot of Mt. Royal.

Leaving the car she walked slowly and with head bowed up one of the many roads leading to the summit. Now and then she was passed by sleighs crowded with men and women heading for the mammoth Christmas party to be held in the club house high on the mountain. In the distance the lights of the toboggan slide could be seen through the trees but the girl turned resolutely to the right and climbed up, up, until at last she rested at

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CHRISTMAS AS IT USED TO BE by Frank R. Alex

"Ah, Christmas! It is not like the ones I knew long ago. No, no!" Jod Renault the old French Canadian was saying these sad words to the two tousle-headed youngsters at his knee who regarded him with wide eyes. Back in the kitchen, Mrs. Wells smiled to herself. Poor old Jod! always sighing for the old days. Some eighty-five or ninety Christmas days had come into his life-he had lost count and no one else knew. But none of the later Yuletides could compare with the exciting ones of his youth.

He often told his grandchildren about those times, about the deep snows, the ice, the long slippery hills; of red apples and white popcorn, all the fine things of a frontier Christmas. The happy and care-free gathering of his friends; their gaiety, songs, dances. What music, laughter, excitement!

"Changed," said Jod pathetically. "Today we buy everything, our trees, our cards. Even the carols we do not sing. The radio does it for us. Nothing is left to do."

He told the children how he had caught Santa filling his shoe, while outside a blizzard raged, how he had guided Santa to the next town, through deep forest—mile after mile. Their eyes grew larger

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Gay Festivals Mark Yuletide At Castleton

Modernism was the trend of the decorations of the dining room as the Christmas dinner on Thursday opened the Christmas festivities.

Faculty, guests, and the entire student body, were seated at one long horseshoe table. Down the middle of the white-covered table ran a strip of red cellophane. At intervals on the cellophane were modernistic Christmas trees made of red discs and topped by gold stars. Light from white candles placed in red holders on either side of the Christmas trees fell on attractive place cards and on the red and gold stars sprinkled over the white cloth.

The pillars were wound with ropes of evergreen, while similar ropes were used over the windows into the lobby. In the center of each of the windows was a trinity wreath and on each sill was a red candle set among gilt cones and hemlock boughs. Truly a fit setting for the delicious holiday menu which was served.

This was followed by the tradition Yule Log Ceremony, which is always shrouded in secrecy until the eventful evening of the Christmas dinner and play. It was carried out in the usual way. Two pages, chosen the previous Yuletide, brought in the Yule log, which was ceremoniously lighted with a brand of last year's log.

A sequel of the ceremony is the choosing of two more pages, whose identity will not be divulged until next year, and the hiding of the brand saved from the burning of this year's log which will be used next year.

The Christmas festivities were brought to a head on Friday by the singing of the traditional Christmas carols. Four groups led by, Marjorie Dix, Ruth Flanders, Marjorie Tyler and Anna Hinkley brought joy and cheer to the hearts of the residents of Castleton as they joyously sang the traditional Christmas carols.

BOOK WAGON VISITS TO DEMONSTRATE USE

To better acquaint the students of Castleton Normal School with the traveling libraries, Mrs. Baker, librarian of the Rutland region spoke on the benefits of the "Book Wagon."

Mrs. Baker traced the development of the "Book Wagon" comparing it with the old method of the book boxes which were sent from school to school, and the present method of the "Book Wagon" which visits each school once a month. In this way each student has a chance to choose his or her own books.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

"It is my absolute conviction that none of us will ever live to see peace again," stated H. R. Knickerbocker, International News Service war correspondent, in the New York Times of December 8.

For sixteen years Europe has been his beat. He has been an eye witness to the inclusion of Austria into the German Reich; the taking of Czechoslovakia in a bloodless war; the division of Poland between Russia and Germany and the recent invasion of Finland by the Red army. To Mr. Knickerbocker these are merely preliminaries to a greater war. He estimates that it will take the Allies six years to crash through the Siegfried Lines. He sees Russia marching east in an attempt to spread Communism throughout the world. The meeting of these two forces somewhere in Germany will mark the beginning of the real war.

These conclusions may be startling to some people. Those who give it a thought will conclude that Mr. Knickerbocker is basing his conclusions on many assumptions. He has left Italy entirely out of the picture yet she may play a very important role. He has assumed that the Allies will break through the German defense which may depend on the role Italy plays. He has assumed that the Nazi will continue fighting England and France even in the face of the Soviet threat. The United States has been completely neglected in consideration of the outcome. He doesn't seem to give a thought to the outcome of the present economic war which was a continuation of the struggle between 1914-18. With the exclusions of these assumptions the world will profit not to get too excited about Mr. Knickerbocker's conclusion.

QUIT QUIBBLING

Carefully thinking over a situation before expressing one's opinion on it we find to be a good policy.

The reason we comment on this is that often we hear students "blowing off" on one issue or another concerning our college and rules in statements that are naive, unfair and express personal prejudice.

"Why don't they have a better newspaper?" "I wish they would put on better chapel programs." "They're not doing such and such this year and I can't see why." Those are only a few of the quotations that we hear day in and day out in the men's room, at the table and on the campus.

Did you ever stop to think that the "they" so often referred to is you yourself as a student of this school.

Why don't you do your part to make it a bigger and better school? Why not constructive ideas instead of all destructive criticism? Why not think before you speak?

WE'RE READING

This month it's that much talked about novel, "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck.

Mrs. Roosevelt spoke recently of the need for a novelist who can interpret what is going on in this country among the kind of people of whom book readers know little—people like the Joads. John Steinbeck is the novelist. He realized what the country is doing to people like the Joads, and what goes on in their minds.

"The Grapes of Wrath" is the story of the new American nomads, of the migrant farmers who have lost their few possessions in the dust covered lands of Oklahoma to the onward march of tractors and foreclosures. It is in particular the story of one family, the Joads from a farm near Sallisaw. You have seen them going west through Texas and New Mexico on Route 66, or you have seen them in Resettlement Administration photographs, three generations in a second hand truck, piled high with everything they possess. Car after car, from Arkansas to California; people with no home but the road, no prospects but hope, no resources but courage; the thirty-niners in their uncovered wagon.

With this material Steinbeck has done what, according to at least one theory cannot be done. He has made a living novel out of the news in the paper, out of contemporary social conditions.

CONTEMPORARY LIT.

Many times students need material and reference of a contemporary nature in regard to a particular subject. Where to find this material often phases the upperclassmen as well as the Freshmen. For your benefit and our own we are giving a list of subjects covered by contemporary magazines in our own library.

For general Educational material we find the "Journal of Education," "Journal of N. E. A.," "Progressive Education," "Teachers Education Journal" all on the reading shelf.

The music student will find ready reference in "Musical America."

A student of Economics may use the "Nation," "Current History," "Consumers Guide," and "Fortune."

In regard to Geography there is the "National Geographic" and the "Journal of Geography."

Interest in Elementary education can be followed from month to month in "School Arts," "The Grade Teacher," "The Instructor," "Child Life," and "Childhood Education."

If you are looking for recreational material for reading, the "Atlantic," "Harpers," "Vermont," "Nature," "Country Life," "Country Gentleman," "Commonwealth," and "Life," will furnish you many pleasant hours.

In conclusion we classify as miscellaneous the "Journal of Psychology," "Practical Home Economics," "Better Homes and Gardens," and "School and Society."

POT POURRI

A tiny wad of chewing gum may seem a harmless object to the person who has grown tired of chewing it but Mayor LaGuardia recently declared it was, "no trifling matter to the city of New York, since it cost literally hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to scrape up the caked gum from public places."

With Mayor LaGuardia and our own school administration we believe that gum along with other good things can become a menace to human happiness when put to improper or extravagant uses. Gum decidedly does not rank among the good things of life when it is placed where the innocent will step on it or sit on it.

Of course this is a free country and no one will dream of depriving another of the pleasure and benefit of his gum. Gum becomes a public enemy only when it is abused. Those who find solace in it should be the first to advocate its control.

P.S. Emily Post doesn't mention it in "Etiquette."

It's a dog's life, but all in all I have it pretty easy, was the barking statement received from "Coolie" Arnold when interviewed by us last week.

Three regular meals a day, and a bed next to the fire, although she doesn't have much company an occasional caller visits her at play in the back yard.

"Coolie's" greatest dislike is the "Vets" and she objects tremendously every time her owner's absence makes a trip there necessary. She always returns with unwanted parasitic company which must be removed by an uncomfortable bath.

If you haven't met "Coolie" we suggest you drop in at Mr. W. J. Arnold's some night, and we feel sure "Coolie" will be there to greet you, and ready to play until her master's voice commands "Lie Down." Don't use "lay" as we did—it doesn't get results.

CHRISTMAS
AS IT USED TO BE

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in wonderment. Did he really see Santa? Was he like his picture?

Their mother came into the room and said anxiously, "Four more days and it will be Christmas. I hope John comes home soon. I wish business didn't keep him away so much."

"He will be home before Christmas," Jod assured her. "John's not the kind to be late."

Mrs. Wells smiled. She wanted to be happy, but she was afraid of this wide Kansas plain, where they had moved recently. The wind could whip up so unexpectedly.

He laughed. Nothing could happen; frontiers were gone.

But morning found the snow piled against the windows. A western storm was unleashing its fury. Mrs. Wells had never seen one like it except in the movies. The days became an endless white swirl. One snow drift tried to outdo its neighbor. Christmas, too, would be snowed under. The Christmas stockings of the eager young ones would hold no gifts. Father could never attempt bringing the things home in this chaos. He had telephoned he was safe.

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CIRCULATING LIBRARY EXHIBITED BY SOPHS

The second division of the Sophomore class assumed the responsibility of displaying an exhibit of children's books, obtained from the Vermont Free Public Library Commission, November 27, 28, and 29 in the English Room.

This collection is one of a number available to schools in the state and this particular collection is to go to eight different schools. It came in a box made for the purpose, with lock and key, and follows a regular circuit of schools. These book exhibits are just one of the services Vermont teachers and students may enjoy from this commission.

Elva Martineau, Barbara Phillips, Betty Sedergren, Virginia Moore and Alfred Royce participated in a discussion concerning the variety of literature represented, the various interests, age-levels, and an evaluation of the books exhibited in a chapel program.

PARDONER'S TALE GIVEN IN CHAPEL PROGRAM

The Junior English Class presented "The Pardoner's Tale" from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, in a recent chapel program.

Marjorie Dix briefly summarized the work being done in Junior English and set the scene for "The Pardoner's Tale." Katherine Coutermarsh, as the Pardoner, related her tale which was in part, dramatized by Joe Sanders, Stanley Offensend, Albert Dauphin, as the rioters, and Harold Gibbs in a dual role of the Old Man and the Apothecary.

The play, arranged by Joe Sanders was ably directed by Jeanne Corcoran with Ruth Seabury assisting.

GAY DECORATIONS FEATURE COMMUTERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Turkey Dinner, with all the trimmings, featured the Commuters' Association annual Christmas Banquet. The affair was excellently managed by the chairman, Catherine Moriarty assisted by Frances McKenna and Anita Foley.

The room was attractively decorated with seasonal colors, a Christmas tree, trimmed from head to foot with ornaments and gifts served as the final attraction. Mary Faryniarz, Mona Williams, Jeanne Lanthier and Pearl McMahon were responsible for the success of this part of the program.

Santa Claus arrived and the jolly old gentleman distributed a gift to all present.

The guests of honor were Mrs. Hewitt, Miss Markham and Mr. Keech.

NEWSPAPER EXCHANGE NOW ESTABLISHED

An exchange of school papers has been established which will distribute "The Birdseye" to a number of Normal Schools and Teacher's Colleges. Already connections have been made with schools in Kentucky, Tennessee, Connecticut, Missouri, Michigan and several other states. The exchange papers are on display on the bulletin board in Miss Kelly's room.

NEW GYMNASIUM TO BE REALITY AFTER VACATION

"The Barn" at Glenbrook is losing all former aspect of having been a garage and storage place and rapidly taking form as a gymnasium.

The interior will be sufficiently large enough so as to accommodate a basketball court which will be of minimum regulation length and width, and there will also be ample seating room. The new gym is made possible by funds from the Alumni and a fund created in 1937 by a campaign during the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the School.

The contractor, E. M. Doane, has several men working at their utmost capacity so that the building may be completed by January 15th. The super-structure has been finished, slate is being put on the roof and every day finds it much nearer completion.

This is one more feature in the development of the Glenbrook property which was given to the State of Vermont, for use by Castleton Normal, by Mr. George Adams Ellis of New York City, a former graduate of the school.

PUPPETS OF EDUCATIONAL VALUE IN SCHOOLS

"To children puppets create an illusion," said Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Head who brought the Kingsland Marionettes to the Castleton Normal School, Friday, December 8th.

Marionettes are of great educational value as well as an excellent source of entertainment.

Making puppets in school will give the teacher an opportunity to bring in all types and fields of school activities. The dramatic and English classes can adapt a play to the possibilities of the puppets. The puppet has no facial expression and must give this illusion by actions and speech inflections. The readings would be given to children working in speech and English classes. Home Economics pupils would make all clothing for the puppets while the boys in the manual training classes make the puppets and the settings, including the stage, scenery, and lighting.

Mr. and Mrs. Head, who have made marionettes their profession for the last ten years, are among the greatest in their art in America. They write the plays, design and build the puppets and settings, and personally present the programs.

A teacher in an elementary grade can produce a puppet show and use all her educational background. Although it cannot be expected to be professional, it will provide a splendid opportunity to correlate all the individual phases of education.

F. T. A. MATERIAL DISPLAYED FOR STUDENT CONSIDERATION

For some time there has been on display in room 10 material concerning the F. T. A., an organization sponsored by the National Education Association, and of definite value to the student of the college.

How many know what the letters stand for, what the purpose of the organization is, or how you would benefit from membership in this group.

TRIP TO ENGLAND SUBJECT OF TALK AT STUDENT CO-OP

"England is delightful," said Miss Kate Kelly to the students of Castleton Normal School Wednesday Evening, December 6. Miss Kelly was presented by Miss Barbara Phillips representing the social committee of the Student Cooperative Association.

Miss Kelly, spending eleven weeks in Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland, attended lectures at Oxford University for three weeks. The subject of the course was "England in the Last Fifty Years." This included the history, literature, drama, social life, housing, architecture, and public health work of England in the last half century.

Much time was spent in seeing the homes and customs of the English people. Of special importance in the daily life of all is tea in the afternoon at four o'clock. Enormous strawberries with Devonshire cream often accompanied the sandwiches and cake. Coffee at nine or ten in the evening is a frequent occurrence. Twilight lasts until ten o'clock in the summer.

A visit to Stratford included Anne Hathaway's cottage Shakespeare's home, the play "Macbeth" at the Stratford theater. Sunday services at the old William Penn meeting house in Sussex, a visit to Tintagel of King Arthur fame, the Hardy country and the Lake country were all a part of the trip.

Cambridge University with its various colleges stretching along the River Cam was of particular interest.

In both Oxford and Cambridge vacations are very different from those in America. At that time students study alone and report to the instructors on return.

"Oxford has spires and Cambridge has bridges" seems to characterize these two English college towns.

"WORLD IS YOURS" OFFERS NEW MATERIAL

The popular Sunday afternoon program "The World is Yours," sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education and the Smithsonian Institute is soon to inaugurate a new system. This is to be the distribution of printed material supplementing the weekly broadcast.

This allied material will include popularly written scientific articles prepared under the direction of Smithsonian curators, explanatory charts, graphs and other illustrations, reprints from the script as well as suggestions for additional reading.

This program, "The World is Yours," is heard every Sunday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:00 E. S. T. over nearly 80 stations of the N. B. C. Red Network.

The programs for the month of December include:

- Dec. 3—Exploring the Amazon.
- Dec. 10—Historical Gems.
- Dec. 17—Cortez the Conquistador.
- Dec. 24—Christmas at Mount Vernon.
- Dec. 31—The March of Science.

The supplementary material may be secured from the U. S. Office of Education with a charge of 10c per booklet to cover handling and mailing charges.

JUSTIFICATION OF WAR I. R. C. DISCUSSION TOPIC

"Believing war wrong in principle how do you justify the present European conflict" was the theme under consideration at the first discussion meeting of the International Relations Club, held December 6. Twenty-one members who were present freely expressed themselves in several outstanding viewpoints.

"The present war is justifiable. Germany was poor, there was no money, people were starving, land and natural resources were scarce and there was no armed force for protection. These conditions forced Germany to revolt against other countries and fight for her own defense. No country which fought in the past World War should have made the Versailles Treaty," was the opinion stated by one member.

Another member quoted from "Mein Kampf" where Hitler states that he would never be happy until France was wiped off the face of the earth, showing that Germany is not justified in the present conflict.

In general, the members of the group stated that they were prejudiced against Germany and believe that all war is wrong. Some of the group stated that although passive resistance is good in theory, that any nation will fight for its own defense. Another member expressed the old belief that "all war is inevitable and that human nature hasn't changed."

After a brief statement by Mr. Arnold, William Jones, president, presented a summary of the main points expressed.

CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS FEATURE NEW BOOKS

Recent additions to the I. R. C. Library include:

- Call To Reason—Weinert-Gren, Axel
- Denmark, A Social Laboratory—Mannichs
- Liberalism and Civilization—Murray, Gilbert
- Contemporary World Politics—Brown, Hodges, Roucek
- Poland, Key to Europe—Buell, Raymond

United States Foreign Policy—Johnson
South Eastern Survey—Royal Institute of International Affairs

Several bulletins have also been added to the library and the club is receiving The Fortnightly Summary of International Events.

GLENBROOK HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dr. Woodruff was hostess at a Christmas party, at Glenbrook. The party, sponsored by the girl residents, was attended by all residents of the Glenbrook campus.

Christmas gifts were given, the receivers having to follow a complicated and entwined string route to obtain them.

The room was decorated in keeping with the holiday season and a novel Santa Claus made by Mrs. Waterman, caught the eye of everyone present.

Games were played and refreshments consisting of popcorn, apples, and candy were served. Mrs. Waterman was also given a gift by the residents of the main house.

NIGHT OF NIGHTS

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the very top beneath the giant cross with its thousands of lights which illuminated it so it could be seen a hundred miles from the city.

Ironical that on Christmas Eve a girl should sit alone on a mountain top, beneath a lighted cross, and cry.

A hand placed firmly yet gently upon her shoulder roused the girl—turning she saw before her a woman with a child in her arms.

"Why do you cry here alone in the snow when on this night all the world should be happy?"

"Because—because I am a nurse and all my friends have gone to France to help in this war and I wanted to go too—but they wouldn't take me—you—you see I am growing deaf. I only knew what you said by reading your lips."

The woman answered slowly and very distinctly—"Then you cry because you are sorry for yourself."

"It is not myself I am thinking of—it's these people"—the girl pointed at the glittering city below—"tonight they are happy but in the year to come they may fall in bloody heaps and I want to be there to help."

The woman appeared suddenly to have grown tired—"Would you hold the child for a moment while I rest my arms—we have come far."

The girl quickly took the child and held him close. The small arms of the baby reached up—the hands caressed the girl's wet cheeks and finally touched both ears.

A roar as that of a storm at sea passed through the girl's head—the lights of the cross flashed before her eyes, then all grew quiet—again she was alone.

The far distant bells of Notre Dame joyfully rang the mid-night hour and their sound carried clearly to the girl who knelt in prayer before the cross on Mt. Royal.

SPORTS FOR WOMEN

Girls' football seems to be becoming a spotlight in the field of sports for the girls of Castleton Normal. For the past several weeks the girls have been out on the football field, garbed in suitable clothing, and deeply involved in a game of touch football. Miss Ewald, with the able assistance of Mac Richards, Jim Steele, and Johnnie Parker, has proven to be a first class coach.

"Life," and other prominent magazines have recently pictured girls playing football. If other colleges are promoting football for the girls, why can't we?

It is very interesting for us to scan the pages of Madmoiselle, Vogue and other fashion books and see what girls are wearing for touch football and other sports. Styles show that cold weather has ushered in many new fashions. Among these fashions are red flannels, which were once popular back in the gay nineties. We not only see red flannel underwear but also red flannel skirts. Girls, who are authorities on the subject of sportswear say that these are excellent for under the ski suits. We find that heavy woolen skirts with bright plaid linings are very popular and keen for skating. Bright colored knee socks prove to be very suitable for sport use. With these as a few suggestions, girls have no excuse for not dressing appropriately for all the winter sports which we have here. You will not only be warm, but also sensible as well as fashionable.

It has been announced that we will have a skating rink, so girls if you can't skate, go to your skating manager, Mary Eleanor Hunt and make arrangements for skating instructions at the first sign of ice. Let's all use the skating rink to an advantage!!

BALL TEAM ENTERTAIN AT DANCE

Dancing and a general good time featured the party given by the Men's Union Saturday night as entertainment for the visiting basketball team from Lyndon Normal School.

Music for dancing was provided by Sylvia Fenn, Ruth Dunkley, George Sparks, and Helen Anderson.

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SPORTS FOR MEN

C. N. S. DROPS OPENER TO LYNDON

The Green and White of Castleton opened their 1939-40 hoop season unsuccessfully dropping a 29-28 contest to the Green and Gold of Lyndon Normal. This was a tough game to lose but Lyndon held the lead throughout and played heads up basketball to win a hard fought game. Castleton might have won the game handily had they been able to convert a majority of their free throws. They were able to make good on only six throws while attempting sixteen. This is exceedingly poor for even a high school team. Numerous easy and simple step shots were missed. The game started off with a successful free throw by Lyndon closely followed by a floor basket by Grace of the home team. For the remainder of the quarter the teams played on even terms with Lyndon leading 7-6 at the end of the ten minutes. In the second quarter Lyndon added thirteen points to their total through the efforts of Hunt and Jenness while Castleton collected only eight due to the keen eye of Moriarity and company. The score at the half stood 20-14 in favor of Lyndon. The Green and White five dominated the play in the final half, but they were never able to overcome the Lyndon lead. Once briefly in the third quarter the score was deadlocked but Lyndon tallied again to maintain their lead. In the last two minutes Castleton had three chances to tie the score by making good on free throws and as the final whistle blew Grace missed a hard luck step shot. It was a heart breaker to lose but many mistakes were uncovered which can easily be remedied before our next encounter. Jenness with fifteen points was the individual star of the game. Our own Fran Moriarity accounted for twelve of Castleton's twenty-eight point total.

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The day before Christmas they sat listening to the radio for news that might mean a change when an announcement startled them. A passenger plane was lost in the storm right in this section. Jod sprang to his feet. Something must be done; ice and snow would force it to crash. He started from the house.

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BREVITIES

Norma Howard and Anita Puricelli have moved from the Whispering Pines up to Leavenworth Hall.

Alice Colvin who is in the infirmary is recovering from the grippe.

Dick Dimick and sister Beverly from West Paulet visited friends at Leavenworth Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold entertained several of the students at their home Wednesday December 6.

Miss Alice Hayes from Brandon spent a day recently with Hilda Green.

James Benton returned to school Thursday December 7 for the first time since Thanksgiving vacation.

Marjorie Ware, Barbara Slack, Mary Eleanor Hunt and Helen Brigham have brought the Xmas spirit into Leavenworth Hall with their gayly lighted Xmas tree.

Miss Kelly spent the week-end of December in New York.

Birthday Parties

Alice Hamilton was given a surprise birthday party November 24th by several of her friends in the dormitory.

Evelyn Coyne gave a birthday party for Ruth Duncally December 7.

The Phillips House girls gave a party for Alta Eddy December 6.

Mrs. Wells ran to the door.

"Jod! not out in this storm! You'll be lost!"

Jod went on and got the things he needed. One end of the long rope he tied to his waist and the other to the kitchen door. With the gasoline lantern, lighted and polished, he floundered out straight to where the steel windmill towered. He would give them a light! Up the cold icy tower he went and placed the light at the very top. Was that the roar of the plane—or the wind growing stronger? He had heard it before. It became louder. Had they seen his light? A dark shadow loomed from the mist to answer him. Jod saw the plane dive into the snow nearby. The pilot had seen the light and taken a chance.

The rest was like a happy dream. No one was hurt save for slight shakings. What a jolly and thankful party they were. When, later, safely settled within the house they learned of the absent Father and gifts they went to the plane and returned with arms filled with packages. What a load of Christmas happiness the great transport carried.

Jod was the center of excitement. He told a story of his Vermont days.

Mrs. Wells explained to her impromptu guests. "Jod likes the old Christmas days best. Today nothing happens."

"No, no," denied Jod, happy because he had been useful, "this Christmas is great—all the Christmas days are fine—they cannot be any other way."

And they all agreed.

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Castleton Conference Friday, February 2

For the 19th consecutive year, class room teachers, Superintendents, Supervisors, and prospective teachers of Southern Vermont will meet together at Castleton Normal School to discuss problems of Education. This year's theme is "Professionalizing Teaching."

From 9:00 to 10:15 in the morning there will be discussion groups for all teachers. Their topic of discussion will center around the theme of the conference. At 10:15 a change from separate grade discussions to general group discussions will be made. Reading, Health and Assemblies will be considered in these three groups. There will be a speaker present at each of these groups, who will not only introduce the subject of the group, but also lead open discussion from the audience.

Following a luncheon in Leavenworth Hall, the afternoon conference will open with music furnished by the public schools of Rutland. This session of the conference will be addressed on educational problems. Among the speakers will be Dr. Lester Ade, President of State Teachers College, Mansfield, Penn.

Miss Mary A. Markham, of Castleton Normal School, President of the Southern Vermont Elementary Council has complete charge of all arrangements for the conference. Mrs. Irene Eno, Assistant Supervisor of Music in Rutland has charge of the musical program.

MME. OLGA STOKOWSKI TO GIVE RECITAL

On January 21, the members of Castleton Normal School will have the opportunity of hearing Mme. Olga Samaroff Stokowski in a lecture and recital.

Mme. Stokowski has had the opportunity of knowing American musical life as few have known it. As a leading pianist she was on the concert stage; as the wife of a famous conductor she was behind the scenes of the orchestra; as music critic she viewed the musical scene from the other side of the footlights; while as educator and advisor for important musical institutions she has played an outstanding role in activities usually beyond the range of the individual musician.

In our own library we are fortunate in having Mrs. Stokowski's autobiography. This book is written out of all of her varied interests, and reminiscences of student days in Paris and Berlin, the struggles and triumphs of her concert career, and the tribulations of a music critic.

WINTER CARNIVAL SOON



CARNIVAL PLANS NOW UNDERWAY

Backed by a wave of enthusiasm the Athletic Association has begun plans for the annual winter carnival. This outstanding winter event is made doubly exciting by the election of a carnival king and queen.

Plans are in progress for treasure and scavenger hunts, games, contests, and exhibitions in skating, skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganning under the direction of the following committee: Barbara Slack and Charlena Thomas, co-chairmen, Katherine Temple, Elizabeth Corliss, Vera Slack, Albert Dauphin, Philip Kelly, and Edward Hart. After supper, a dance will be held at which coronation will take place.

The participation and cooperation on the part of every student is needed. Let's make this year's carnival the outstanding winter event.

ENTRIES OPEN FOR SOPH. HOBBY EXHIBIT

Sometime in February on a date which will be announced on all bulletin boards, the Sophomore Class will sponsor an exhibition of hobbies to be held in the auditorium.

This show is open to all, however a request has been made that all entries be recorded as soon as possible with the committee which consists of Phyllis Amidon, Chairman; Shirley Brown, Glen Maynard, Pearl McMahon and Viola Perry.

"By having all entries in early," promises Miss Amidon, "the participants will help the committee to make the best possible space arrangements, and tend by an outstandingly successful display to make such an exhibition as this a yearly event of the school."

SOPHOMORE HOP SUCCESSFUL EVENT

With Camp Grimes' Orchestra furnishing music the annual Sophomore Hop was held Saturday Night, January 13, in the attractively decorated auditorium.

A winter sports atmosphere was obtained through the use of snow scenes, painted by Courtney Flanders and loaned to the Sophomore Class by the Cahee House Furnishing Company of Rutland. These panels were supplemented by skis leaning against the walls, skates hanging on the railings, boughs of evergreen and a snow fort artfully placed behind the orchestra.

More than fifty couples were greeted by Bernard Howley, chairman of the dance committee, Elva Martineau, class president, Dr. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt and Mr. and Mrs. Keech.

The assisting committee that helped make this dance an outstanding success consisted of Sylvia Fenn, Ann Norton, Irma Foster and Betty Sedergren.

VISUAL EDUCATION USED IN CLASSES

Mr. Keech and Mr. Arnold have both made use recently of the films and slides sent out by the Robert Hull Fleming Museum of Burlington.

By furnishing one film to the pool, formed by all schools represented in the membership, Castleton Normal is able to enjoy this privilege.

The pool includes at present 133 reels of silent film, among which Chronicles of America, photoplays and Pageant of America, lantern slides deposited by the State Board of Education are outstanding.

Schools possessing sound equipment may secure sound films on the same terms as those set up for silent films.

Louis Adamic Speaks In Evening Lecture

"Let's Become Americanized—All of Us," was the challenge of Louis Adamic, who was appropriately introduced as one of the great Americans.

His first sentence borrowed from Walt Whitman was the theme of his entire talk. "We are not a nation but a teeming nation of nations." In America today there are twelve million immigrants born in foreign countries with thirty-five million American born children. They represent at least sixty different backgrounds, varying governments and numerous religions. With all this variety of human resources Mr. Adamic feels that we should be able to form a great universal culture that is more satisfying than anything which we have previously experienced. The difficulty is the intolerance and prejudice of the Old Stock Yankees toward the New Stock Immigrants. Many significant incidents were cited to show the result of this dangerous Old Stock attitude. He told how the people of Pennsylvania refused to accept a statue of Columbus because he was a foreigner; how the condescending and patronizing attitude toward the New Stock was detrimental to the character of both, leaving the immigrant with a feeling of not belonging; how the members of Congress in response to criticism regarding the "isms" shout "Aliens." This he said was to obscure their own intellectual bankruptcy. The danger of tolerance that is intolerance grown polite is no solution. We must learn to accept one another in this nation of nations. The fact that America is such a heterogeneous country has made it unique and a source of power. If it is to be the "American Dream" that the signers of the Declaration of Independence meant it to be, we must not only accept diversity, but welcome it, because it builds character, strong character. "Immigrants coming to this country are Americans before they land; their eyes fill with tears when they behold the Statue of Liberty; some fall on their knees and others lift their babies to behold this symbol of liberty. Surely America should say to such people, America is not only safe for diversity, but welcomes it."

Mr. Adamic is making an extensive study of the immigrants in this country with the hope of showing the possibility of synthesizing the old and the new, so that the Liberty Bell and the Statue of Liberty may merge into one, so that the Mayflower and Plymouth Rock background may merge with the Ellis Island background, so that we may become a unity within a diversity.

If we are to save this "American Dream" of liberty, equality and fraternity from becoming an "American Nightmare" we must wake up.

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BEST DEFENSE EDUCATION

Undoubtedly the spread of the conflict in Europe, the tension in the Balkans, Italy's attitude toward Russia, the many neutral naval disasters, the Graf Spee affairs along with many other incidents prompted President Roosevelt, in his speech to the Seventy-Sixth Congress, to urge a larger appropriation for national defense. There are many people in the United States who think such a step unnecessary and even dangerous.

No one questions, in these times when problems are being settled by violent action, that a nation does need some sort of defense. It is what kind and how much defense which causes controversy. Much can and should be done toward national defense which could not even by the most pessimistic radical be considered dangerous. Men and armament constitute a tangible, visible defense that becomes necessary in times of crisis, the most effective defense possible is embedded in the minds rather than the hands of men. As J. W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education pointed out in an address delivered before the Congress on Education for Democracy, August 17, 1939, "Education moves Democracy forward. The teaching of the tool subjects is education for democracy, the most fundamental kind of teaching we do, for it is the basis for life-long education. It gives meaning to the concept of free press and freedom of expression. This is education for democracy; for it makes more secure the foundations of the Republic which depend for their stability on a literate electorate."

What greater defense can a country have than making more secure the foundations of its government. By educating its people to live together harmoniously, to respect the welfare of others and to know that a nation stands or falls together.

NEWS VIA GRAPEVINE LINE

Our thought for the month has to do with the validity of news via the "Grapevine Telegraph." Many times we are apt to take it and pass it on without checking first to see that the message is straight and that wires have not been crossed.

Many times it is only a bit of scandal that we simply must pass on to our best friend, but beware. It is easy to stop a message at your station but let it go on and it's mighty hard to cancel.

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

Although it is not an officially operated Government Post Office, our mail boxes fulfill for us the same purpose. It has long been an unwritten law that material in any box is the personal property of the box holder and not open to public inspection. It seems necessary at this time, however, to call this fact to the attention of some people who feel that the removal of another person's mail is a practical joke.

Let's resolve to check ourselves in regard to this matter and if we are an offender, correct this violation of good citizenship.

WE'RE READING

The Web and The Rock, by Thomas Wolfe concerns "one man's discovery of life and of the world . . . discovery not in a sudden and explosive sense as when a 'new planet swims into his ken,' but discovery through a process of finding out and finding out as a man has to find out, through error and through trial, through fantasy and illusion, through falsehood and his own foolishness, through being mistaken and wrong and as idiot and egotistical and aspiring, and hopeful and believing and confused, and pretty much what every one of us is, and goes through, and finds out about, and becomes."

George Webber is the chief character portrayed in the terse, dynamic style of Thomas Wolfe. The novel shows strong minor characters in the Butcher, and 'The Child by Tiger,' the negro, Dick Prosser. Although they are passing acquaintances their effect on George's later life as a novelist are startling.

Mr. Wolfe shows keen insight into the Jewish problem through his beautiful portrayal of Esther Jack, whose reply to the policeman's question as to whether her name appears in the Social Register, is "No my name is not in the Social Register, because I am a little Jew, and little Jews don't get their names put in. But if there were a Social Register for little Jews I'd be in that one."

This novel was released shortly after Mr. Wolfe's untimely death. In his own words it "Marks not only the turning away from the books I have written in the past, but a genuine spiritual and artistic change. It is the most objective novel I have written." The clearness and the staccato quality of his dialogue and the quick tempo make this novel one of the strong offerings of 1939 fiction.

THAT'S WRONG—

YOU'RE RIGHT!

Getting out this paper is no joke,
If we print jokes people say we are silly;
if we don't they say we are too serious;
If we clip things from other papers, we
are too lazy to write them ourselves;
If we don't we are too fond of our own
stuff.
If we don't print contributions, we don't
appreciate true genius;
If we do print them the paper is filled
with junk.
If we make a change in the other person's
write-up we are too critical;
If we don't we are asleep.
Now like as not someone will say we swiped
this . . . **We Did.**

CHAPEL SHUFFLE DOOMED

Glen Miller, Benny Goodman, Orin Tucker and others will soon oust the chapel shuffle. The new recorder and latest records will let swing hold sway. Great work, Bill and Al and thanks to the organizations that contributed toward the fund.

In our elation let us not forget the generosity of the piano players who have in the past given their time willingly for our dancing pleasure.

POT POURRI

We dedicate a brief portion of this column to three classes of students who will some day serve even though they but sit and wait today . . . (for their diplomas). They are:

First, "the worked to capacity group" including those who are exerted to the limit of their talent to pass.

Second, those who carry too heavy a load, are over-crowded with assignments and are left no time to indulge in "the essential things of life."

Third, a class that is slowly dying out, consisting of those people who feel that they are going to get by anyway so why not have a good time doing it.

Of course we hesitate to classify anyone under any of these headings . . . that is your own job. Think it over, and "if the coat fits, wear it" if not . . .

In the realm of fantasy we present an interview with two little Poohs who are away from home. They are yet mere infants, nineteen years or so, unaware of the facts of life and what this big world holds. They must be protected from it until they are ready to meet it face to face.

These poor little Poohs do not lead normal lives, far from it. They wait to be told when to do each little task and just the technique to apply to do it well.

They have to be given lessons at regular intervals, or little private heart to heart talks that keep them on the right track. This is good for little Poohs.

Little Poohs must be told at first hand that they should not see each other too often, or be seen with the wrong people.

Does a little Pooh have any aim in life? Oh, yes. It is generally very vague, apt to turn into most anything, but while they are so well cared for why bother about such trifles? Why think, when thinking can well be taken care of by someone else. And who cares anyway?

Such is the life led by Poohs, and which always will be until the day when they can wake themselves up and prove that they are able to be more than Poohs, and capable of running their own life.

In conclusion we must bring you the latest piece of double-crossing that has reached us. It seems that last Sunday night . . . **Censored.**

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to offer our congratulations to Miss Markham, who is leaving the second semester to study at Boston University. She will have the opportunity that many of us would like, of hearing the Boston Symphony, attending operas and concerts, using a metropolitan library, visiting museums, and meeting people of wide and varied experience.

We look forward to Miss Markham's return when we are assured of sharing the privileges and pleasures of the Boston sojourn.

BIRDSEYE VISITS FROSH ART CLASSES

What goes on within the walls of the classroom? Curiosity prompted two Birdseye reporters to learn more of what other classes are doing. We have seen numerous freshmen sauntering through the corridors with great rolls of paper under their arms, what were they for? It must be an art project we thought and so it was an art class we chose to visit.

Miss Jackson welcomed us and explained that the class was working with a technique known as gradation. This is "a means of showing values in an art composition through a graded use of dark and light, resulting in a pleasing rhythm often described as 'pulsing,' a technique enjoyed by the modernists but found as far back as the cave drawings of France before the time of Christ."

With their rolls of paper now spread out before them the students sat in small groups around tables working on their projects or conferring in low tones about them.

Walking about the room we observed the compositions being made. These included designs inspired by sports equipment, cooking ware, sewing articles and gardening tools. Especially noteworthy was a war scene done by one of the boys, labelled 1914.

In a seemingly short time the bell announced the end of the period. We took our departure with an increased interest in modern art, and the activities carried on by classes other than our own.

WHITE HOUSE CONFER CONCERNS CHILD WELFARE

That the schools must educate for democracy, and that democracy must come to the aid of the schools were two of the major tenets presented to The White House Conference on Children in a Democracy meeting in Washington January 18 to 20, inclusive.

Work of this fourth conference on child welfare held under the sponsorship of the President of the United States, has been in progress since April 1939. An organizing session was held last Spring, setting in motion machinery for correlation of studies important to children in the last decade.

Both the President and Mrs. Roosevelt addressed this conference. Its evening session on Friday, January 19, was held in the White House at which time the Conference Report and Recommendations were presented to the President. Other presidents under whose auspices child welfare conferences have been held were Theodore Roosevelt, 1909; Woodrow Wilson, 1919; and Herbert Hoover, 1930.

"Education Through the School" is one of eleven subjects on which group meetings for discussion were held; the other ten being democracy as it concerns the family; economic resources of families and communities; housing; economic aid; social services; children in minority groups; religion; health and medical care; child labor and youth employment; play; and recreation. The reports considered at these group meetings were referred to the Report Committee for incorporation in an extended final report to be published after the Conference adjourns.

UNMAKING OF TEACHER IN EDUCATIONAL ARTICLE

"He is not so good a teacher as he was ten years ago," was a chance remark overheard in a hotel lobby which led Lewis H. Chrisman to offer it as a challenge to every teacher in his article "The Unmaking of the Teacher," in the current issue of the Journal of Education.

Mr. Chrisman lists three major factors which cause teachers to deteriorate.

The first is indolence. "Teachers do not punch time clocks. They do not have bosses standing over them. There are conditions in which the hours when they are not within scholastic walls can be frittered away in idle inconsequentiality."

The first requisite for live teaching is a live teacher. A teacher that is intellectually lazy is a drag upon the institution with which he is connected.

The second factor given is pedantry. This refers to the teacher who lacks perspective, who emphasizes unimportant details. "He seizes upon some minor rule or what he thinks to be a rule and gives it such a disproportionate emphasis that it makes him intellectually cross-eyed. Like the Pharisee of old, he tithes mint, anise, and cumin, and forgets the weightier matter of the law." All of us, says Mr. Chrisman, have our pet principles or pieces of knowledge. The danger is that we lose sight of them as means and come to see them as ends.

"The third besetting sin of the teacher is timidity or 'Intellectual quietism,' the teacher affected with this ceases to do first hand thinking. He has slipped peacefully in the groove of his immediate environment. He has become afraid of ideas. The faculty which he has most highly developed is skill in steering around any subject which might interfere with the innocuous desuetude of an empty routine. His life motto has become: 'Say nothing, Do nothing, Be nothing.' Under such circumstances a classroom will be free from intellectual electricity. Dynamite must be used to disturb the beaten path of unthinking routine. Real education is deprovincializing.

Mr. Chrisman's prescription for self preservation for the teacher is self reliance and honesty of thought and action. "A coordination of personality and intellectual

DEMONSTRATION SCHOOLS USE VARIED ACTIVITY

A bustle of activity is apparent when we visit anyone of the demonstration schools. When we meet the teachers at the library talking over plans we are conscious of an energetic atmosphere and when we read the pupils' papers, full of their many plans and functions we feel their accomplishment.

In North Breton the first grade is working on a large circus project. They are using the lunchroom in the basement for a workshop and are converting it into a festive place with their friezes covering the walls. Later the third graders are planning to do a frieze in connection with their main theme, the city. A skyline is to be the subject. Now they are studying the transportation side of the city life.

At Meadowbrook school the pupils traveled to Rutland to the Railroad terminal to see for themselves, as a part of their study of transportation, the trains leaving and arriving, the ticket window, conductor, and brakemen, which before were terms only. The pupils are enjoying a moving picture which they make of their imaginary trip across the United States.

Castleton Corners is carrying on its first and second grade work in the manner of a grocery store project.

The book wagon has made a stop at all three of the schools and was greeted in every case by enthusiastic children who had been planning for its arrival and had prepared a special place for the library.

"The Rural News," 3 cents per copy or 25 cents per year, put out by the three rural schools in cooperation is another activity which finds a ready response in the pupils. In this paper the pupils record their plans and tell of their accomplishments. There is always a column of original work. The pupils are taking great interest in it and when visiting, it is one of the first things they showed us.

Every contact we have with the demonstration schools makes us feel more like prospective teachers, and we like it for doing that for us.

integrity is the fundamental qualification in the making of a real teacher. Nothing can take the place of it.

SEVERAL SALESMEN SOLICIT STUDENTS SUNDRY SUMS

Of late we have had a number of super-salesmen peddling their goods and services among us.

The Castleton Girls' Cooperative Society, and even Bud Fish have vied for the pennies, nickels, and dimes of all of us.

The Castleton and Bud are offering candy in all shapes and flavors, for cash or credit, if it is good.

The Girls Cooperative (Dixie and Co.) offer to do any job from sock mending to hair setting. Pants pressing a specialty.

So far these organizations have reported successful results with but a few losses.

One Castleton representative left her candy in her room while off on a visit.

Upon returning she found that much of it was minus its edges. She rightly suspected the culprit and he was taken care of by a cheese bait that night.

Bud Fish nearly had to call a detective to solve the mystery of his missing candy. However after much third degree grilling of suspects it was found in his locker unmolested.

The Cooperative Society came the nearest to calamity by forgetting to deliver a pair of pants to a young man the night of the dance. However he must have called for them, for we saw him there, eventually. The crease was still in at that.

MANY NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY

A variety of interest is represented by the new books recently added to the circulation of our library.

Biography

Dithers and Jitters, Cornelia Otis Skinner
Autobiography.....A. A. Milne
Our Family.....Adet and Anon Lin
My Memoir.....Edith Bolling Wilson
Carter Glass.....Smith and Beasley
Horse and Buggy.....Arthur E. Hertzler
Escape to Life.....Erika and Klaus Mann
Thaddeus Stevens.....Alphonse B. Miller

Music

Music History and Ideas.....Leichtentritt.
The New Green Mountain Songster.....
Flanders, Ballard, Brown, Barry

Fiction

For Ever Wilt Thou Love, Ludwig Lewisohn
Parts Unknown, Frances Parkinson Keyes
50 Best American Short Stories.....
E. F. O'Brien

Poetry

Breadloaf Anthology.....
Wagon Weather.....Charles Malan
Huntsman What Quarry?.....
Edna St. Vincent Millay

Miscellaneous

A New Deal For Youth.....
Betty and Ernest Lindley
Our Battle.....Hendrik Willen Van Loon
American Playwright.....Eleanor Flexner

MISS MARKHAM GIVEN FAREWELL BANQUET

A Farewell banquet for Miss Markham, head of the music department, who is having a leave of absence second semester, was held in the main dining room last night.

A gift from the student body was presented by Jeanne Corcoran, President of the Student Cooperative Association.

Following dinner, two short skits were presented. The first showing Miss Markham in her classroom on a cold Tuesday morning, and the second as she will be in her apartment in Boston.

Mary Zelazny was general chairman of the affair. Those assisting were Mildred Simpson, Phyllis Amidon, Barbara Clark, June Willard, Olive Rumney in charge of the program. Viola Perry, Ida Howe, Lois Billings, Eleanor Tift and Fidelis Fox in charge of decorations.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTES TO RED CROSS FUND

Nineteen dollars, collected from the students and faculty was given to the Red Cross, in the annual campaign at C. N. S. Students showed their characteristic enthusiasm and responsibility although we were two months late in having our individual drive. The committee in charge, under the direction of Miss Ewald, was Virginia Nelson, Anna Kearney, June Willard, Alma Meader, Mary Zelazny, Helen Knutson and Evelyn Anderson.

ERNEST JOHNSON, TENOR, IN CHAPEL PROGRAM

Castleton again welcomed Ernest Johnson, Negro tenor, at a chapel program on January 13. Mr. Johnson presented a varied program, including selections by Handel, Negro Spirituals, and special requests from the student body. Mr. Johnson also lead the group in singing spirituals and other favorites.

MAY WE PRESENT—?

Strictly the athletic type, dark hair and eyes, 5'6" tall, lanky, 20 years old and president of the Freshman class. Know her? Josephine Hinckley, of course! Jo was born in Albany but has spent most of her life in Rutland, where she lives at the present. Her foremost ambition is to be a success in the teaching field, and secondly, she wants to be happy. She is interested in art, has developed quite a technique in sculpture, and enjoys sports. Jo dislikes conceited people, and her pet peeve is work. Her first pay check will be spent in buying shoes, her one extravagance. Jo likes people, and licking postage stamps is her weakness!

Another young lady at C. N. S. dislikes ginger apples, hamburg and people who converse during a movie. She is only 5'1" tall, has light grey eyes and brown hair, and is strictly the "old-maid" type—to quote her. She is interested in crocheting, bicycling, out-door sports, good books, and swimming in the ocean. She wants to travel in the United States. Her favorite subject is music and her ambition is to be a successful teacher for a "few years!" Her name is Elva Martineau.

Now you Clark "Gone With the Wind" Gable fans, listen to this: One of our own C. N. S. students has actually seen and touched Clark Gable's boot jack! For thrilling particulars, see Barbara Slack, President of the Juniors. She, too, likes sports and reading and is definitely "agin" cabbages and turnips. Mathematics is her favorite subject, blue her favorite color, and Victor Herbert's "Indian Love Call" her favorite song.

COMMUTER'S NOTE

Florence Willett and several friends will attend the movie "Gone With the Wind" in Albany during mid-winter vacations.

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SPORTS FOR WOMEN

The girls of C. N. S. have been busy taking part in sports which winter has ushered in.

The physical education classes have held many of their sessions at the skating rink, and the girls have shown enthusiastic interest by going down to skate even though they are not proficient and often times meet up with the ice. Those who are able to skate have been accommodating by helping non-skaters acquire the various techniques.

Two semi-professional skaters which are seen frequently on the ice doing fancy figure skating are Mary Eleanor Hunt, and Edward Hart. We also see Elizabeth Heffernan who is successful in her efforts to bring to light the wonders of dancing on ice skates.

Old man weather has put a stop to any skiing. The skis are waxed and ready for action but as yet there has been none. Margaret Flower, our skiing manager, is anticipating a large skiing class, so let's all get our ski boots ready to slide into as soon as Stasco Hill has eight or ten inches of snow.

Besides outdoor sports we have many indoor recreation facilities which are also very popular. The old chapel is available at all times for games such as volley ball and Badminton. Tina Lanfear has proven to have a definite skill at playing volley ball, and Bill Jones is an expert at badminton. The ping pong room offers ample opportunities for those who have skill in getting the ping pong ball over the net. Margaret Flower seems to be holding her own when it comes to playing this exciting game.

Plymouth Normal School has invited us to send ten or fifteen girls up for either a play day or basketball game. Because of the lack of facilities for practicing basketball at present we are very doubtful of the possibility of arranging for a competitive game of girl's basketball this season.

Students—we have outdoor and indoor sports, don't be a rocking chair sticker, get out and show a little enthusiasm.

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SPORTS FOR MEN

Two more games have been added to the men's basketball schedule. The first of these brings the locals against Plymouth Normal at Plymouth, N. H., on February 3. Plans are now underway for some of the girls to make the trip to Plymouth also and have a Play Day with the Plymouth girls. The next weekend, February 10, the team travels to Lyndonville to meet Lyndon Normal. The game with Lyndon will be a return game. Lyndon holds a 29-28 decision.

The team will be equipped with new suits in time for their next game. New colors will also be used. The suits will present a flashy canary yellow as a base color of both tops and trunks with a trim of scarlet numbers and letters. From now on the team may be known as Castleton Canaries. Many of the fellows are also buying jackets to match their suits.

The home games are being held up until later in the season so they may be played on the floor of our new gymnasium. These will include games with Plymouth, and Danbury. As the work is about to be started on the gym floor we will soon be practicing on our home ground.

EXCHANGES

Teachers College Herald

Pop corn, fudge and other light snacks will now be possibilities through the addition of a kitchenette in the new Men's Dorm at Western State Teachers' College, Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Southwest Standard

Students at Southwest State Teachers' College, Springfield, Mo., were fortunate to have Irene Ruppert, the brilliant young American pianist, present her pianologue, "The influence of the dance on music from the stone age to swing," January 16. Miss Ruppert claims that modern swing music is far from new.

The Recorder

Stuart Chase, one of America's leading economists and author of "The New Western Front," and other books, lectured at the "Teachers' College of Connecticut," at New Briton, January 17. His subject was, "The Tryanny of Words," referring to his book of the same title which delves into the nature of semantics and its practical application.

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BREVITIES

Week Ends

Ida Howe spent the past week end with Alice Hamilton.

Frances Stewart and Ann Norton spent the week end of January 6 in Barre at the home of Mae Chamberlin.

Avis LaClair, Evelyn Coyne and Margaret Flower spent last Sunday in Bennington.

Virginia Moore and Johanna Karlson visited relatives in Rutland Sunday.

Infirmary

Three girls from the dormitory are in the infirmary slowly improving after serious illnesses. They are Marjorie Tyler, Helen Scherlin and Dorothy Smith.

Frances Benton and Arlene Carpenter have left the infirmary.

Guests

Merle Bemis Brunelle visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Scherlin came Sunday to visit their daughters who are in the infirmary.

Paul Hatch, '39, visited here Saturday. Barbara Jones, '39, spent the week end with Frances Stewart.

Agnes Guillo, a former student here, visited Elizabeth Heffernan Sunday.

Miscellaneous

Anita Puricelli and Charles Genovesi left school this week to take positions which had been offered to them.

Among the alumni who were back for the Sophomore dance were: Claire Loveland '37; Barbara Jones '39; Bob Lorette '37; and Veontha Ward '37.

Elizabeth Heffernan had the pleasure of seeing the movie "Gone With the Wind" in Boston during Christmas vacation.

Viola Mallory was given a birthday party by the girls at Phillip's House.

The following boys spent the day after the dance in Castleton as guests of C. N. S. students, Jack McCauley, Bill Lee, Robert Norris, Letea Reynolds, Alton Hallbrook, Paul Dary, and Richard Roberts.

A party was enjoyed by several girls in the dormitory Saturday night.

Shirley McLaughlin returned to school Tuesday, January 16 after a week's illness at home.

Virginia Nelson has a large glass jar which the students may fill with pennies to aid the gymnasium fund. There is four dollars in pennies in the jar at the present.

COMMUTER'S NOTES

Christine Goddard, '37, of Brownsville was a recent luncheon guest of commuting seniors.

Red mittens, blue mittens, mittens of all colors are being knitted by various students under the personal supervision of Anita Foley.

"Grapes of Wrath" is the present favorite book of three out of five commuters.

Constance Phillips, a former freshman commuter is now a student at Rutland Business College.

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Elephants To Cats Seen Displayed At C. N. S. Hobby Show

The Hobby Show sponsored by the Sophomore Class of the Castleton Normal School was held in the auditorium last Friday. It attracted much attention from students and visitors from Castleton and surrounding towns. In the show were exhibits from the collections of faculty members, staff, and students of the school.

Among the exhibits were some of special interest. Knitted lace, sweaters, crocheted articles, patch-work, two recipe collections, antiques and pottery came from the more domestic minded of the exhibitors. Stamps, maps, and post cards represented those who are interested in far countries, while a coon, two dogs, fifty china cats and toy dogs, horses, and elephants represented the animal lovers. Among the more unique exhibits were a collection of letter heads, an electrical exhibit, and an assortment of arrow heads. Two sections that represent universal interest were the music corner and a reading table.

During the afternoon the Sophomores were hosts to the school at tea. Mae Chamberlin and Irma Foster officiated at tables decorated to carry out the hobby theme.

Those of the school having music as their hobby gave a recital in the evening. Featured on this program were Sylvia Fenn, Ferol Keech and Eleanor Wilson, piano; Ruth Flanders, Mary Gaudette and Charlotte Williams, songs; and Ruth Dunklee, accordion. Mr. Jenkins led the woman's chorus. The program closed with a group of piano numbers by Mr. Jenkins.

The committee of arrangements consisted of Phyllis Amidon, Shirley Brown, Glen Maynard, Pearl McHahon and Viola Perry.

CASTLETON REPRESENTED IN CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

The Children's Crusade for Children is a nation-wide, non-partisan, non-sectarian movement for making it possible for American school children to help all children who are at present without a country.

The Crusade is being developed by some of America's notable educators, authors and civic leaders actively headed by Dorothy Canfield Fisher. But more important, co-ordinately it will aim to inculcate a vivid consciousness in American children of the unrecognized blessings they enjoy in this land. It will thus be a continuing lesson in living patriotism.

The campaign starts Monday, April 22 and extends through Tuesday, April 30. In that short period, the children of the United States in private, public and parochial schools will be asked to contribute as many pennies as they are years old, or anything down to one cent. The sum raised in this manner will be sufficient.

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Leading Topics From St. Louis Meeting

The American Association of School Administrators and Allied Organizations met in St. Louis, February 26 to March 1. The following are excerpts from the high-light speeches.

Five L's of Life

Live, Love, Loaf, Legislate, and Labor! These are the five most important activities of pupils after leaving school.

Consequently, the major objectives of the school are to so adjust pupils that they may successfully care for their health, live happily with their families, spend leisure wisely, participate intelligently in civic projects, and earn an honest living.

Teacher Students

Increasing emphasis upon the importance of selective admission to the teaching profession might indicate that teaching itself may be knocking at the door for admission to the fold of the "Learned Professions"—law, medicine, and theology—but the high turn over of teachers still obstructs that door for the teaching profession. The teacher below the college level is such for some five years, whereas the lawyer, physician or theologian is, as a rule, such for life.

The Problem Teacher

The teacher who has reached the highest salary in the local schedule and the highest position he can hope to attain constitutes a serious problem in each school system of any size. Such a teacher either becomes satisfied and sits down professionally or turns to hobbies or avocations to avoid decay. In either case he ceases to grow as a teacher because he sees no new frontiers ahead.

National Teacher Exam

Many leading school systems have adopted the practice of administering tests to applicants for teaching positions and employing the obtained results as one of the factors entering into the judgment of

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"TEACHING PROBLEMS" CONVENTION THEME

"Teaching Problems," is the theme set by the Tri-County Teachers' Association for their annual Convention to be held in Rutland High School, Friday, April 12, 1940.

The conference theme is to be carried out through the use of problems submitted by teachers in varied fields of work, in the elementary and secondary schools. There will be sixteen separate conferences and each teacher will be expected to attend the one indicated on his membership card.

A special interest at the convention this year will be a lecture, illustrated by motion picture, given by Carveth Wells, explorer, author and lecturer. The title will be "Return to Malay."



MR. WALTER JENKINS

C. N. S. WELCOMES NEW MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

The Castleton Normal School has added a new member to its music faculty this semester in the person of Mr. Walter Jenkins, who takes the place of Miss Mary A. Markham who is on a semester leave of absence. Mr. Jenkins comes here from Harvard University where he has recently completed graduate work in music.

Mr. Jenkins has a wide and varied musical background. This includes, Fellowship study at Julliard Music School, New York City, four years of teaching at the University of New Hampshire, and at Stoneleigh College which is located at Rye Beach, New Hampshire, and at Kendall Hall School, Peterborough, New Hampshire. He was for five seasons in charge of Public School musical activities at the University of New Hampshire Summer School, and in 1938 he was music critic and program annotator for the Chataqua, New York, summer festival.

Mr. Jenkins is also a composer. His compositions have been played by symphony orchestras of Washington, Cleveland, Rochester, New York City, and Boston. Several of his songs have been introduced by Gladys Swarthout and his works for violin by Richard Burgin, concert meister of the Boston Symphony.

At the present time Mr. Jenkins is writing a book on music from 1770 to the present, and preparing a book on program music. Both of these books will be for the use of students of music.

For class work Mr. Jenkins has at present a representation from all classes. The Freshmen and Sophomores are studying methods of teaching music and music appreciation. The Juniors are having a history of music, while the Seniors pursue a new course, Literature, Music and the Fine Arts.

Fun and Frolic Feature Annual Winter Carnival

The coronation of Alfred Henebry of Waterbury, Conn. and Mary Eleanor Hunt of Northfield, as king and queen brought to a close the Annual Winter Carnival. The royal party, heralded by Arlene Carpenter and Beverly Hoadly, entered the auditorium, accompanied by their court and ascended the stairs to the attractively decorated throne. The attendants, Marjorie Dix, Rhoda Lyons, Mae Chamberlin, Jean Hinchey, Don Grace, Francis Moriarity, Alfred Royce, and Charles Nichols, formed an arch made of ski poles for their majesties to pass through. The crown bearers were Frances Stewart and Ann Norton. The king and queen were crowned by Jeanne Corcoran, President of the Student Cooperative Association and Albert Dauphin, President of the Athletic Association. The queen graciously presented prizes to the winners of the afternoon contests. During intermission President Albert Dauphin presented sport dolls as trophies to the king and queen.

The program of events consisted of skiing on Stazo Hill, an exhibition of fancy and stunt skating by skaters from the Rotary Rink in Rutland and Scavenger and Treasure hunts.

Winners of the Ski meet were Sandrino Beretta, Proctor, Albert Dauphin, Claremont, N. H., Stanley Offensend, Fair Haven, Mae Chamberlin, Barre, Margaret Flower, Woodstock, Francis Benton and James Benton, Saxtons River, Josephine Hinckley, Rutland, Vera Slack, Northfield, and George Sparks, Albany, N. Y.

The Scavenger Hunt was won by Katherine Temple, Mildred Simpson, Marjorie Dix, and Rhoda Lyons who tied for first place, Francis Benton and Marilyn Cheney who captured second prize. The trophies of the Treasure Hunt were taken by Stan Offensend, George Sparks, Jim Benton and Connie Phelps who won first prize. Second prize went to Glen Maynard, Phyllis Amidon, Francis Moriarity and Marjorie Perrin.

The success of the carnival was due to the committee in charge consisting of: Charlena Thomas and Barbara Slack as co-chairmen, assisted by Elizabeth Corliss, Vera Slack, Katherine Temple, Philip Kelly and Edward Hart.

FORMER STAFF MEMBER MARRIED RECENTLY

Miss Mary Prunier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prunier, and a graduate of Castleton in '39 became the bride of Mr. Howard Fish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fish of Castleton Corners. The ceremony took place January 27 at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Church in Fair Haven and was solemnized by Rev. Charles Regan.

After a short wedding trip the couple are at home to all their friends at Castleton Corners.

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TAKE INVENTORY

It's over. The worry and suspense created by the anticipated release of mid-year grades is no more. That is, the worry over the anticipation is no more. Fond hopes of high averages have been shattered by the very fraction of a letter, others scraped over the line with little to spare. Still more fortunate ones stayed on the peak of scholarship where they have been accustomed to perching themselves term after term.

All in all, it seems a very good place to pause and take stock of this very important matter of grades. Despite all our efforts to convince ourselves that grades "aren't everything," we must admit they are the only tangible criteria by which our efforts can be judged. We often hear students express themselves concerning scholastic marks. With few exceptions we have noticed that those who so violently oppose high marks and prefer to slide through are those making only average or below.

We certainly do not mean to imply, either, that the only solution is to plant one's nose in a book and leave it there for the duration of the term. Not quite. We have become sufficiently acquainted with the workings of educational institutions and their various phases to realize when we are not meeting the standard set for determining whether or not satisfactory work is being maintained. We are old enough to budget our own time and if more time needs to be spent on a subject in which we are weak, there is where the correcting should start.

The new term is just under way and the time to begin is now, laying the foundations for building a successful scholarship record this half.

"PITCHERS" AND "PICTURES"

A lady of education and culture, whose hobby was collecting certain choice old articles went into an antique shop and asked if they had any interesting old pitchers. The obliging clerk said, yes, they did have some; and brought out for the lady's inspection some old-fashioned pictures.

"No, no," explained the lady. "I want pitchers, not pictures! Glass pitchers, pewter pitchers, cream pitchers, syrup pitchers!"

"Do I look like the kind of person who calls pictures, 'pitchers'?" said the lady to herself.

Of course pronunciation is not the most vital matter in the world; perhaps it does not matter too greatly that one calls pictures "pitchers," or says "liberry" for library or calls the Magi the "Maggy." Nevertheless, prospective teachers cannot afford to ignore habits of speech that distinguish the cultivated sort of person.

Perhaps, because of the unwillingness to embarrass us, members of the faculty sometimes refrain from correcting the mispronunciation of students. We would like to be checked on our pronunciations. Note could be taken of mispronounced or carelessly pronounced words. The attention of the class can be directed to them while the mispronouncers remain happily anonymous.

If prospective teachers do not learn correct pronunciations here and now, *when and where* are they going to learn? If we leave C. N. S. with faulty speech habits those "little pitchers with big ears," our future pupils, are going to listen and imitate.

POT POURRI

Every once in a while when you can't escape from it all—life catches up with you—in more ways than one. Here presented this month are the results of one night's brooding under the light of my desk lamp.

I can't figure why we all can't have our religion in such a nice form. Maybe it's the way in which we go about it. And yet after it's all over what have you? A return to a cold shoulder or . . . ?

Having food delivered by fair damsels is a late innovation. Especially when one can toast his feet before an open fireplace enjoy the rich savour of his pipe, and know the request will be fulfilled. I have as yet to try this myself, but then maybe I don't rate the service.

Studying colonial architecture by moonlight was tried one night, just for variation. Results, cold hands, cold shoulder, and the remark that I could return home as soon as I had found out what I went for.

P.S. Coffee at the Diner thawed things out and it really was a delightful evening.

Dinner conversation is likely to take any turn. Especially so when I must try to convince three freshmen that upper classmen do not really feel superior, but must carry on tradition. They'll do it too, after a couple of years.

When he left two years ago I thought he had "Gone with the Wind." No such luck. He's back to haunt me. And with just as much wind as ever. However, he's a good friend so no hard feelings.

Maybe a guilty conscience preys on some people. Not me. I don't believe in letting my left hand know what my right is doing. Try it . . . and keep your stories straight. Enough trouble as it is.

I've tried to keep tabs on my two little "Poohs" lately but what a merry chase they have given me. Up the North road, down the South. Down by the Creamery and over at the Glen. Even into Church and the school corridors I have pursued them and always found them.

Malcontent? Not me. I love architecture, people, systems and above all I love the . . . Spring. (fooled you). Very satirical.

Marks are my natural enemies. However I may expect them, instructors have their own ideas. And I contend that the world's most futile gesture is the sympathy conference after grades are given. What if you disapprove? It's still a fait accompli.

And not forgetting the little article that isn't here. It seems that some people would advocate a change in the color of admission slips. The other day in class . . . Censored.

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IN CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

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ly large enough to prove effective even though the number of child victims of the world crisis is staggering.

The jury of award, consisting of seven men and women will be sole trustees of the fund built up by this crusade, and will allot the money among responsible relief organizations. The members of this jury are as follows: Eleanor Roosevelt, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Caroline S. Woodruff, Monsignor John A. Ryan, William Allen White, Dr. Charles B. Glenn, and the Hon. Irving Lehman.

GLIMPSES OF EDUCATION

Reading tests made before and after a 12 week period of daily reading practice at Central State Teachers' College, Michigan, show that of the 33 students who completed the practice period, 2 made less on the final than on the pre-test, 1 received the same score, (all three having done the minimum or less), 4 students gained very slightly in speed, and the remaining 26 made great gains, the highest being 69 points.

—E. C. Beck, "The Freshman Improves His Own Reading," College English, March 1940.

The earnest writer should make his home in the biggest dictionary he can find, says Rupert Hughes. In addition to developing styles, he should consider his writing from the reader's viewpoint, as a guard against boresomeness. But more important than all else is to find the joy in writing that comes of free self-expression and a burning desire to move others to one's own feeling.

—Rupert Hughes, "Criteria of Good Writing," The News Letter of the College English Assoc., February 1940.

CHANGE AND EXCHANGE

POEM

The night was cold, the hour was late
But the editor's work all had to wait;
With nervous steps he paced the floor
And looked askance at the card he bore

Then suddenly, quickly, a timorous rap,
With a puzzled expression he answered the tap

It was a Frosh, with face seared and wet:
"I sent you a joke—did you get it yet?"
The editor groaned as he looked at the card
"Not yet," he shrieked, "but I'm trying hard."

Error

An amusing typographical error was made not long ago in a newspaper which read: "The doctor felt of the patient's purse and admitted that there was nothing he could do."

Two Kinds

There are always two kinds:
In class: Those who talk to the teachers at the end of class and those who get "C" or less.

At a dance: Those who dance and those who intermission.

In activity: Those who work and those who get the credit.

Advice

How fat she is
She used to wasn't
The reason is—
She daily doesn't.

Confucius

Correct yourself: Confucius wasn't a wit. He was a very serious fellow who almost 2,000 years ago went about China lecturing on ethics, politics, and life. (Ref. Encycl. Brit.)

Paper

The school paper is a strange invention:
The school gets all the fame
The printer gets all the money
And the staff, ah yes, the staff, gets all the blame.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CASTLETON CONFERENCE

Speaking rapidly and with much humor, Dr. Lester K. Ade, President of the State Teachers' College at Mansfield, Pa., addressed a large group of teachers and students.

"Learning to Live Together" was the subject on which Dr. Ade spoke. He related that "We have not on the face of this earth yet learned the fine art of living together." He wished that we could make as much progress in our ability to live together as we have in speeding up transportation and communication. He stressed the fact that there is a need for both individual and social growth.

Dr. Ade also contributed valuable suggestions to the Conference discussion group on assembly programs. His opinion is that assemblies should be run as miniature democracies with well balanced programs.

"Children come to school to read to learn not to learn to read," asserted Miss Marion Carswell in her address. Miss Carswell said that "something must certainly be wrong with our educational system when it becomes necessary to have remedial reading clinics in such outstanding institutions as Vassar, Smith and Harvard.

If this pitfall of inability to read is to be avoided, reading from the very beginning must be meaningful and functional. In order that this may become possible, teachers must be responsible for seeing that all reading is in response to a felt need. Much of the child's reading material should grow out of his experience, but his reading should not be limited to Social Studies content. Too often, Johnny isn't interested in Indians, but the teacher is.

Mrs. Alice Coutts Aldrich, State Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, in discussing "Health in the School" said, "Health is lived, not learned."

She outlined a four-fold program whereby the school should furnish a good physical environment, health service, health instruction, and a definite physical education period.

"Playground Supervision" was discussed by Miss Edith Ewald, Instructor of Health and Physical Education at the Normal School, who placed emphasis on a democratic method of supervision in which the children would have a chance to plan their activities, to carry out their plans, to evaluate them, and to get experience in leading and in following.

During another discussion Mr. Hayden, Director of Physical Education, Rutland, Vermont, suggested that such activities as breathing exercises, mimetics, and story plays could easily be correlated with English and that posture defects might be helped by emphasizing a posture for all kinds of work. Attention was also called to the importance of seasonal games, charts, game files, home made play-equipment and the books of games exhibition.

It was made known at this meeting that the state now has three audiometry machines for testing children's hearing. These are available through the Public Health Nurse.

BIRDSEYE VISITS NEW MUSIC CLASS

The introduction of a new course, Literature, Music and the Fine Arts, conducted by Mr. Walter Jenkins, aroused the interest of this department. Our reporters upon visiting the class discovered that despite the fact that the number in the group is limited, quality is personified by the interest shown on the part of each student.

In the interpretation of the arts, an example of impressionistic poetry in relation to the same style of music was illustrated by Debussy's setting, for chorus and orchestra of Rosetti's Poem, The Blessed Damosel. Sections of the poem were analysed before the music was played through recordings.

Even to a casual visitor, this class which can not be observed adequately in a single period arouses a keen interest to become better acquainted with the inspirations for many of the world's great compositions.

MR. and MISS KOLTONSKI IN CHAPEL PROGRAMS

"Prisons don't need walls but understanding," strikes the key note of the philosophy of Miss Helen Koltonski, Superintendent of the Riverside Reformatory who spoke at a recent chapel program. Miss Koltonski stated that the people who come to the Reformatory are mentally and morally injured. She showed that the cause of their delinquency is the lack of something vital to their well being. The staff of the Reformatory do their best to make up for this lack by establishing "controlled freedom."

In her work and contact with the prisoners, Miss Koltonski has lived up to the ideal of her predecessor, Miss Ross, whose creed was that "Fame is nothing, Power is nothing, but understanding our fellow-men is everything."

Stirring his audience into active listening, with the statement, "Five school-houses burn in the United States each day," Fire Chief Alfred Koltonski of Rutland, described some of the common conditions that are causing the three hundred sixty two million dollar fire loss each year.

"Ninety per cent of the fires start in the basement around the heating plant," he stated. Carelessness of janitors and the "Penny wise pound foolish" philosophy are some of the unnecessary causes of fires. Hot ashes, rubbish, faulty electrical and oil appliances are other factors that contribute to the widespread damage.

In addition to his address Mr. Koltonski posted some enlightening charts picturing fire hazards.

Walking casually through the Administration building, Chief Koltonski found a frayed electrical cord and an incorrectly labeled fire extinguisher.

After the chapel talk, Mr. Koltonski inspected the buildings and found no further need for change.

UNDERSTANDING WAR I. R. C. SPEAKER'S TOPIC

"To understand war one must go to economic reasons," Rev. J. Graydon Brown told members of the International Relations Club at a special meeting February 7.

It is found that Japan, Italy, and Germany lack natural resources. These basic things are controlled to a great extent by Great Britain, France, Russia, and the United States with tariffs to protect their goods. More unemployment in our country would be the result if the United States should give raw materials or sell the finished products to Japan or Germany.

What started this war in Germany? In Germany where many people were out of work Hitler preached socialism. Land was given to the people and large industries were broken into small private companies. The steel manufacturers saw a chance for personal gain at expense of the country so naturally supported Hitler. When Germany began to arm, putting millions of people to work in factories or making the West Wall, other countries armed also.

In the United States the W. P. A. peacetime industry, is being replaced by wartime activity of arming.

To what can be credited the apparent success of the Finns over the Russians? Russia has only one railroad through which men and armaments may be transported from Russia to Finland. The marshy lowlands, the many lakes, 74 per cent of country in timber land, and brief span of daylight makes warfare more difficult. If the expected revolution had broken out in the interior of Finland, Russia would undoubtedly have won the war.

Finland's manpower is limited. Although the number of men lost by Finland is small with comparison to Russians killed, Finland is unable to replace those lost.

"Democracy is gone from Europe forever," declared Mr. Brown.

LEADING TOPICS FROM ST. LOUIT MEETING

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qualifications leading to appointment. Up to the present time, however, no comprehensive set of "teacher examinations" designed for widespread use has been provided.

Objectives for Teachers

The primary aim of the supervisor of student teaching is not measured in terms of what is best for the student teacher, but rather what is best for the pupils whom the student teacher is to serve.

NYA Scholarship

The NYA will provide part-time employment to a greater number of needy school and college students this year than in any of the previous four years of its operation. A monthly average of 500,000 will be employed under the supervision of school and college officials. This total average employment includes 375,000 school students in 27,000 schools below the college level and 125,000 college and graduate students in 1,698 colleges and universities.

MANY NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY

A variety of interests are represented in the new books recently added to the Castleton Normal School Library.

Biography: Queen Victoria's Daughters, E. F. Benson.

Autobiography: A Peculiar Treasure, Edna Ferber.

Fiction: The Grapes of Wrath, John Steinbeck; Cradle of Life, Louis Adamic; The Runaway, Kathleen Norris.

History: Building the British Empire, James T. Adams; Through Embassy Eyes, John C. Powys, American Economic History, Harold Faulkner.

Miscellaneous: America's Story as Told in Stamps, Edward M. Allen, The Story of Bridges, Archibald Black; Recurring Cycles of Fashion, Agnes B. Young; Partners in Progress, Esse V. Hathaway.

STUDENTS INTERVIEW MADAME STOKOWSKI

"Ever since I was two and a half years old, I have never known the time when I haven't loved music," was the comment of Olga Samaroff Stokowski, musical advisor of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, when interviewed after the lecture given January 21 at Castleton.

Madame Stokowski is endeavoring, through the Layman's Music Course, to create active participation in hearing music rather than passive listening.

In answer to a question, whether Americans had opportunities in music as fine as Europeans, she said, "the opportunities in the field of music are increasing greatly and the American artists are one hundred per cent as good as the Europeans."

Her own daughter is not going into the field of music but hopes to find her career on the stage. "I am heartily in favor and thrilled to death at her choice," were Madame Stokowski's closing words.

PARTIES

English room number 5 was the scene of a buffet luncheon given to the Senior Class by their advisor, Miss Kelly. Miss Ewald ably assisted in passing the attractive trays to the seniors and Dr. Woodruff who was a guest. Informality reigned during the delightful noon hour and the varied conversation included many interesting topics.

The Juniors were entertained at a tea at the residence of Miss Alice Morrill. Miss Morrill and Mrs. Richard Fox poured, assisted by Miss Florence Black. The tea table was attractively decorated with a centerpiece of carnations and red candles.

Dr. Woodruff's Glen Brook residence was the scene of a stag party, given by her for the men boarders on a recent Sunday evening. From the preparation of the food, through the dish washing after the meal, all tasks were capably performed by the men. Windy's oyster stew and Al Henebry's coffee were judged the outstanding dishes of the supper.

MAY WE PRESENT?

One of our part time students, Frank Alex, from Pittsford, is a teacher in Holden, Vermont, where he has fourteen pupils and grades one to eight. Frank graduated from C. N. S. in 1937 and is now working toward his Bachelor's degree. He enjoys reading, writing, outdoor sports, including skating and skiing, and also enjoys listening to opera and symphony concerts on the radio. Frank is looking forward to a bicycle tour through Europe some time.

June Willard was born on the border line of Addison and Bridgeport and attended schools in Vergennes. She was valedictorian in her class of 46 and her hobbies include dancing, movies, reading, and traveling. Junie has won many cooking prizes for her skill in making pastry and confesses that her one special delight is changing furniture around. Her ambition is to be an excellent teacher, and she has made a fine beginning.

Another of our part time students is Miss Mary Corcoran from Rutland. She is a graduate of Mt. St. Joseph's Academy and later the State Teacher's Training Course. Miss Corcoran is interested in the study of birds and has taken many field trips throughout Vermont. She attended the World's Fair in Chicago and hopes to travel to California in the near future.

Shirley Brown is from Middlebury, Vermont. Her hobby is collecting baby pictures and to date she has almost one thousand. Shirley likes dancing, the color red, and her favorite pastime is cooking. She has several prizes in sewing and dress-making, and her ambition is to travel extensively. Her "pet peeve" is getting up in the morning.

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SPORTS FOR WOMEN

Old man weather has at last brought us suitable conditions for winter sports, and there is much enthusiasm being shown at C. N. S. this year for them.

Every day we see those who like skiing, skating and sliding, going off for some real fun and exercise. Hardly a day comes when we can find ski boots, skis, and skates which are not being used.

The Athletic Association has added a new nine foot toboggan to its equipment. The use this can be put to was shown last Tuesday when nine girls "tried it out" on Staso Hill and found that there is an art to riding and driving a toboggan.

In spite of the fact that the outdoor sports are calling us all there is still interest in our indoor recreations. The enthusiasm for badminton has increased decidedly and volley ball fans are finding fun in holding small tournaments. Elizabeth Heffernan, the volley ball manager has promised some interclass tournaments in the near future, which should show real competition.

Even with all these chances for varied sport and wise use of leisure time, we regret to say there are still a few who seem to stick to the rocking chair. Our time for winter sports is limited. Let's all make use of them while they are here and when spring comes feel that we have taken full advantage of winter's offering and be ready to enter whole heartedly into sunny weather activities.

COMMUTERS' NOTES

Anita Foley has been enjoying frequent skiing visits to the Brandon and Rutland Ski areas.

The returning Juniors have had a busy week answering numerous questions of anxious sophomores concerning student teaching.

Mrs. Mary Quinlan and Miss Stella Frankiewicz have returned for Wednesday and Saturday classes.

A car door caused considerable injury to Bessie Toth's right hand. Bessie has found it quite a job writing with her left hand.

Now that the victrola has been repaired and Marylin Cheney has donated several records, dancing is again being carried on in the Commuter's room.

Recently Mary Dervin, Florence Willett, Jeanne Lanthier, Florence Ryan and Anna Wilkins attended a birthday party for Carlita Phelps at Phillips House.

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SPORTS FOR MEN

After dropping games to Lyndon Normal and Plymouth Normal, the Golden Boys of Coach Fox came back to stage a strong 42-22 victory over the Green and Gold of Lyndon who had previously eked the Canaries 29-28 on our home court. The Castleton team started out strong in the first quarter and with their deadly shooting from around the foul circle picked the Lyndon defense to pieces for a 12-4 lead. In the second quarter a new five came in for the Canaries, and added to the Castleton total to bring the score at half time to 16-11. Coming out at half time the Canaries changed their strategy and began to pile up points with a fast breaking offense. The score at the end of the third quarter favored Castleton 32-16. In the final stanza the Golden Boys continued to add to their advantage and found them on the long end of a 42-22 count at the final whistle. The deadly eye of Alex Litzwan from the side court with fourteen points and Gibbs with eleven points led the scoring for Castleton. Jenness and Hunt stood out for the losers.

On February 3 the Castleton team traveled to Plymouth where they were the guests of the Plymouth five. When the final whistle had blown the Canaries were on the short end of a 70-47 score. The Green of Plymouth jumped into a commanding lead of 20-8 in the first quarter and added to their count in the second period to lead 32-23 at half time. In the third quarter the Castleton aggregation matched the Greenies basket for basket but were still on the short end of a 47-33 score as the third stanza drew to a close. In the final period the New Hampshireites still consistently parted the cords to build up a 70-47 count for their margin of victory. The Castleton team's offense was not equal to the high powered offensive of the local team. At times the Castleton team showed spurts of brilliance, but these were short lived and the game was a well earned victory for the Plymouth school. Sandy Berretta accounted for twelve of the Castleton total with six nice field goals. Fran Moriarity and Alex Litzwan with eleven and ten points respectively were the other big point getters for the men of Coach Fox.

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BREVITIES

Guests

Larry Jones and Beverly Dimick spent several days in the dormitory as guests of Shirley McLaughlin and Charlotte Williams.

Anita Puricelli and Marcia Clark visited friends here recently.

Bobby Jones was the guest of Frances Stewart recently.

Hilda Billings spent a few days with her sister Lois.

Birthday Parties

For Rhoda Pratt

Given by Vera Slack and Betty Sargent

For Phyllis Amidon

Given by friends

For Mary Eleanor Hunt

Given by Alice Hamilton

For Arlene Carpenter and Olive Rumney

Given by friends

For Josephine Hinckley

Given by Fidelis Fox

For Alfred Henebry

Given by friends

Miscellaneous

Marjorie Park gave a party Saturday night for the student assistants in the kitchen.

Several of our students attended the Springfield College Exhibition at Rutland High School.

Patricia Heyman entertained several C. N. S. students at her home recently.

Richard Gardner visited Marjorie Perrin recently.

Mary Eleanor Hunt and Jeanne Corcoran attended the winter carnival at Norwich.

Laura Williams spent the past week end in Barre with Viola Perry.

The Sophomore Class with Mrs. Hewitt, advisor, attended the movie, "Gone With the Wind," Monday. Several Juniors and Freshman attended also.

Mildred Simpson attended the Kake Walk at U. V. M. the past week end.

William Jones is confined to his home in Poultney, because of serious illness.

The skiing season has brought many casualties to C. N. S. in the form of wrenched ankles, knees, and broken toes. Among those suffering are Mary Eleanor Hunt, Frances Benton, Marjorie Perrin, Windy Bartholomew, and Ed Hart.

Deceased

Agnes Brennan, '97 (Mrs. William O'Neil) died after a short illness on February 13. Her funeral was held at her home in Waterbury, Vermont, on February 16.

COMMUTERS' NOTES

(Cont. from column two)

Veronica Brough is confined to her home by illness.

A sewing circle is being organized by Mary O'Neil, the object being to produce a variety of spring dresses before April.

Julia Wheelock saw Sonia Henje and her troupe of ice skaters at Albany recently

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Birthday Banquet Features Program Of School's History

Recognition of the services of all the men and women who have been principals of the school was the theme of the Birthday Banquet of the Castleton Normal School, held in the main dining room of Leavenworth Hall, Tuesday evening, March 19, under the sponsorship of the faculty.

Boquets of mixed white flowers and ferns, making a decorative scheme in the school colors, with candlelight, ornamented the tables which were arranged in a hollow square. The appetizers in a very unusual form, were grapefruit with tiny flaming green candles in the center of each. For the desert course, the birthday cakes with lighted candles were carried to individual tables by a procession of waitresses.

After the meal, the program following the birthday idea and in the form of a tribute to the past principals was given by the faculty. A large three tiered birthday cake in the center of the room represented the three stages in the development of the school. Candles on each layer represented the principals who served during that period. In the beginning Mr. Fox gave a short summary of the history of the school, then Mr. Arnold lighted the first candle and spoke in brief tribute to Oliver Hurlburt, the first principal. Mrs. Leavenworth, Mr. Keech, Miss Hinckley, Mr. Jenkins, Miss Willson and Dr. Woodruff lighted other candles on this layer. Dr. Woodruff reviewed the career and spoke in appreciation of the work of Harriet Haskell, principal from 1862 to 1867, the only other woman to head the school.

The second tier of the cake represented the school from 1867 to 1920 as a State Normal School. Misses Ewald, Workman, Tacker, and Carmody, Mrs. Sara Whitney St. John, Miss Mary Gerrish Higley and Miss Viola Burns lighted the candles on this layer. It is significant that Mrs. St. John and Miss Higley lighted the flames in remembrance of men under whom they served as teachers, Abel Leavenworth and Philip Leavenworth, respectively. Miss Carmody was a student here at the time when Charles A. Adams whose candle she lighted, was principal.

The third cake represented Dr. Woodruff's years of service in the school, since it was reopened under her leadership in 1921 as a State Normal School. Miss Florence Black, who has been with the school as a member of the faculty since 1922, lighted the single candle and reviewed the early years of the school since she has known it. She stressed Dr. Woodruff's courage, daring and dynamic energy in building the school from the ruins of the fire, and her vision, determination and

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Delegates To Attend Eastern States Confer.

Educational workers ranging from student delegates representing teacher training institutions to the United States Commissioner of Education are invited to participate in the Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Eastern States Association scheduled to take place in New York City, April 4, 5, and 6.

The theme of the student conference is "Youth Faces Its World." Two of the outstanding panel discussions planned are: "The Guidance We Need" with Ralph Eberly, State Teacher's College, West Chester, Pennsylvania as chairman; and "The Teacher's College Program of Social Education" with Joe Whittaker of State Teacher's College, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania as leader.

The student-faculty banquet on Friday evening with Congressman Jerry Voorhis of California as guest speaker, followed by a dance brings the main program to a close.

As its purpose this association emphasizes the improvement of instruction and of faculty-student relationships; thus supplementing the services of the American Association of Teacher's Colleges which are devoted principally to the improvement of standards, educational policies and administrative practices.

STUDENT STORIES DELIGHT CHILDREN

Story Hour at Castleton Library drew a large number of boys and girls Friday, March 17.

Marjorie Ware delighted the younger group with a spirited presentation of Tom Thumb. Hilda Green followed with Little John's First Adventure which added materially to the enjoyment of the children.

Olive Rumney gave The Iron Stove to the older group whose rapt attention was eloquent proof of the pleasure it gave them.

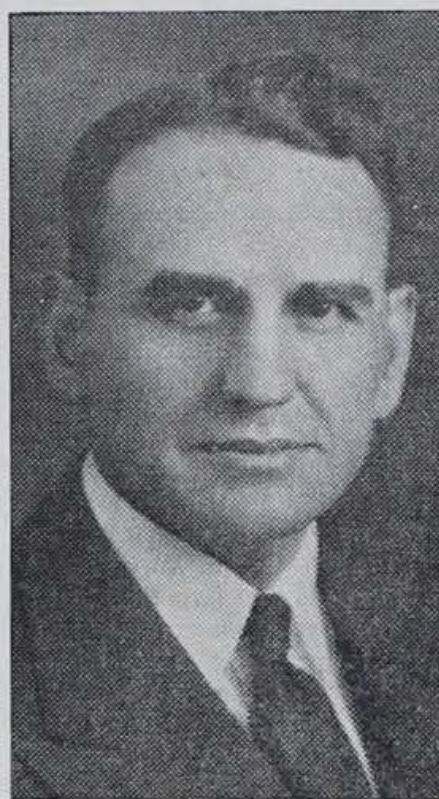
A series of story tellings is planned for the spring months for the double purpose of providing interesting features for the boys and girls of the village and also for affording practice to teachers-to-be.

GRANGE HEARS STUDENTS IN VARIED PROGRAM

Students of Castleton Normal School provided the program for the meeting of the local Grange, Wednesday, March 13. Piano and accordion solos, group singing, readings, and folk dancing were included in the evening's entertainment.

Helen Scherlin was the capable student chairman working with Miss Martha Campbell, who sponsored the program. Those participating were: Ruth Dunklee, Mildred Simpson, Marjorie Tyler, Barbara Slack, Charlena Thomas, Helen Knutson, Alma Meader, Arlene Carpenter, Olive Rumney, Eleanor Wilson, and Bernard Odell.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY, DR. WOOLLEY TO BE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



Dr. Francis A. Bailey, Commissioner of Education, will be the featured speaker on the Commencement program for the nineteen-forty graduation. Although invited numerous times since his first coming to the state, to address the outgoing teachers, Dr. Bailey has always been unable to attend because of other matters that demanded his attention. This year in order that we may hear Dr. Bailey the commencement will take place on Tuesday, June 11, instead of Monday, June 10, as originally scheduled.

Also outstanding at this year's graduation exercises will be the Baccalaureate address, to be delivered by Dr. Mary E. Woolley, president of Mount Holyoke College from 1900 to 1937. Dr. Woolley is a leading figure in the educational world, and has written numerous educational articles and several historical works.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD BY CASTLETON TOWN

This year as every year, town meeting was held the first Tuesday following the first Monday of March, in all the towns of Vermont. In Castleton the balloting was done in the morning and afternoon. The town decided to continue on the town manager system for another year. Most of the officers of the past year were re-elected to their positions for another term.

In the evening the business meeting was held. The first debate came when the article to vote whether the town should hire the state auditor for the coming year was read. During the debate Mr. Rice, the town auditor, rose and addressed the people telling them that he felt that his report would not have been in such fine shape had he not had the state auditor to help him for a day during the year. It was finally voted to allot a sum of twenty-five dollars for the state auditor.

The problem of setting the tax rate was another debate which gave Mr. Baumberger, the Town Manager, a chance to explain many things that the voters didn't understand in regard to this issue and others.

The people voted four hundred dollars to the library fund. The Grange hall, the Community House, and The Catholic Center were declared exempt from taxes for five years.

After the business meeting was declared adjourned, people left feeling that they had participated in their town government. Some were already heard making plans for next year's town meeting.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GIVES CHAPEL PROGRAM

As master of ceremonies Al Dauphin opened the chapel program sponsored by the Athletic Association on Monday, March 18. Al introduced the program with a few comments on the Athletic Association and its purpose. Phyllis Amidon, treasurer, gave the financial report of the organization which, when read, proved that the A. A. is on top as far as finances are concerned.

Following the treasurer's report, piano music preceeded the entrance of the various sports managers, each suitably garbed for the sport they represented. They stressed the highlights of their department and stated their desire to have more enthusiasm displayed on the part of all students.

The program was brought to a close by Robin Hood, Alias Stan Offensend, who gave a practical demonstration of his archery skill at hitting the bull's eye.

The purpose of the program was mainly to let everyone know what the A. A. is, and who the managers are, and to encourage more participation on the part of all. If this effort was to any avail it will be shown in each persons active participation in some sport this closing semester.

The managers taking part were Mildred Simpson, hockey; Ruth Seabury, hiking; Frances Stewart, basketball; Margaret Flower, skiing; Mary E. Hunt, skating; Helen Knutson, tobogganing; Mary Dwyer, soft ball; Joe Sanders, tennis; Katherine Temple, badminton; and Elizabeth Hefferman, volley ball.

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DR. WOODRUFF

The student body, faculty and community could hardly believe it when the announcement was made that Dr. Woodruff had sent her resignation to the State Board of Education a year ago.

Nineteen years ago Castleton Normal School was a closed institution, no faculty, no students, and a plant deficient in many respects. It was to this scene that Dr. Woodruff came, with a determination to build a school that would be a credit to the State of Vermont. She has never lost sight of this goal and today instead of the two buildings she found here in 1921, there are four. In addition to these the magnificent Glenbrook property had added a residence, gymnasium, the beginnings of a Men's Dormitory and one of the loveliest campuses to be found in the State.

Not only has material growth gone on with the years but ideals, standards and traditions have been set up that give Castleton a unique position in the State and Nation. Such a monument is in itself a tribute to Dr. Woodruff's vision, energy, persistence and courage.

Dr. Woodruff may leave the school, but the institution she has built will live and grow as a vital part of the state she calls her own.

BIRTHDAYS

Unlike other holidays, a birthday belongs especially to the individual. It is his day, and to him alone does it have true significance. Like a mile stone it marks the distance one has traveled. Looking backward, one is able to see how he has grown and developed since the last celebration of this day. Progress not noted from day to day becomes clearly evident when viewed over a period of twelve months.

Since the new buildings of Castleton Normal School were first occupied on the Twentieth of March, 1921, that day has been celebrated with a birthday party. Each anniversary has marked a year of progress and growth. This year has been no exception for during the past year Glenbrook with all its possibilities for future development has become a part of the school. Enrollment has increased and school spirit has become more in evidence. And like a birthday gift is the completion of the gymnasium—the fulfillment of a long cherished but scarcely hoped for dream. This splendid achievement makes a happy birthday indeed for C. N. S.

LOOKING BACKWARD

Bruce Barton, speaking before the Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University recently, expressed the opinion that education today is inferior to that of his grandfather's time, and that the mental discipline of Latin and Greek is sorely needed. In a man of Bruce Barton's prominence and influence this disregard of the discoveries which have taken place in educational psychology during his own lifetime is disconcerting. In a period of change in the mechanics of life, in science and in modes of thought, one can ill afford to rely on the beliefs of a former generation without testing them in the light of contemporary knowledge. Such reliance shows that in education as in politics we, as a nation, are too much inclined to leave all progressive thinking to our delegates, whether teachers or politicians, and while jealously retaining our right to criticize the product of a process we lack the initiative to try to understand. As persons of influence like Mr. Barton, or as mere followers we must guard against the expression of or too credulous acceptance of such criticism.

WE'RE READING

"Blind Raftery," by Donn Byrne, is a novel which must not be left buried in the past '20's. It is a colorful account of the journeying up and down Ireland of a wandering blind bard and his Spanish wife, Hilaria.

Mr. Byrne does not require hundreds of pages to tell this half legendary story beautifully. He makes Ireland a place of enchantment. His words are simple and rhythmic. His imagery is vivid and his characterization accurate. Particularly is the picture of Hilaria clear cut. "They crossed the quay together, the big proud-faced blind poet, and the little woman of Spain . . . her lustrous high-piled hair with the great comb in it, the dusky soft face, the brocaded bodice like a breast-plate, the bellying skirt, the stockings of white silk and the shoes with high red heels, and the shawl of patterned green, the immense shawl of silk with the weight of a feather, and the big fan hanging from one wrist by its thong of soft red leather. She was a small, slight woman, but about her was a great dignity."

Byrne's Irish love of humor adds a whimsical touch and his philosophy expressed in "Blind Raftery" is worthy of note: "When sight was taken from me, Hilaria, I was given a gift: I could set in one small room and see the world; and the masks folk wear, the golden masks or black mottled masks deceived me no more. . . . There is a death that comes to all of us in life as came to me when was taken from me the sight of my eyes. . . . And those who have never died in life, Hilaria, are pleasant shallow people, soulless as seals. O Hilaria, open your blind eyes. . . . One can soil only oneself Hilaria. How little wisdom you have after all, dark child. O Hilaria open your blind eyes."

Death cut short the career of Donn Byrne but his legacy of beauty and simplicity is one to be desired by contemporary authors.

Dictatorship in the Modern World.

"Dictatorship is really neither new nor novel. In the long course of the history of organized government one man by virtue of some sanction or other has ruled his fellowmen from Peking to Patagonia much longer and much oftener than they have ruled themselves," is the opinion of Guy Stauton Ford who edited "Dictatorship in the Modern World."

The 1939 edition of this book covers all the European countries and discusses the many aspects of dictatorship up to today. It shows how the dictators of the present are not lineal descendants of the despots of the past but have a new and powerful technique in mass control through propaganda by radio, movies, press, education, and a secular religion of their own invention. A comprehensive Chronology of Dictatorship is Post-War Europe supplements this account. The events in each European country are listed year by year, so one can easily see the progressive development of dictatorship in the last three decades.

Sigmund Neumann, Peter H. Odegard, Mildred Adams, Hans Hoke, Harold C. Deutch, and Max Turner are among the fourteen joint authors. The book is written for laymen. The language is clear, concise and gives a clear picture of the forces at work in Europe today.

POT POURRI

Daylight fast approaching and here we are still busily engaged in trying to put out this issue.

Of special interest this month is the search being carried on by various sophomores for vitamins. We have seen them looking under chairs, in the fireplace and even in each others hair, because Mr. Keech told them they were to be found everywhere.

The practical jokers are still with us, not in the Men's Room this time but up in the Dorm. We'd like to offer not a remedy for curing this but a suggestion that all parties concerned remember that others are involved and judge their actions accordingly.

Senior Theses prove a grand alibi. We noticed the use this was put to Sunday night. It's all right as long as you can get away with it, but beware!

Maybe Miss Ewald has at last hit upon the scheme for getting full participation from a committee. She invited the Gym Dedication Committee down for supper and all members appeared. It was a swell supper, too.

We'd hate to say that Joe's aim was intentional the other morning in Chapel, but it looked mighty suspicious. It was a good thing that Stan's target was located only across the stage from him and not at the end of the room.

The uncensored exhibition put on by certain energetic Sophomores the other afternoon in the lobby held our attention for some time. Maybe Mae, Liz, Ann and Fran missed their calling and should change from teaching to acting.

While all these Music students are busy writing their own compositions we hope that they don't overlook the fact that the school could use some new and peppy songs to replace the funeral dirge, used as a welcome song, and the others written to archaic tunes.

Maybe Charlie objects to this column because his name has been omitted. Well, Charlie, here is some space devoted to Charlie, for Charlie's benefit.

And so with sunny weather just around the corner we hope we can hold off our annual attack of spring fever until vacation and spend the whole ten days just thinking of things we haven't the ambition to do.

GLIMPSES OF EDUCATION

Speed in written English, an appreciation of literature, a knowledge of Latin, a working knowledge of French or German, a sense of the continuity of civilization of the changing interests of man, the causes of events, algebra, geometry and natural science are the contributions of the high school which most influence the college students' success in English. That is the opinion of the English departments of 35 Iowa colleges and universities. Foreign languages and history they consider to be fully as important as English itself, in the secondary school.

—"Preparations for English in College," The News Letter of the College English Assoc., February 1940.

MIDDLEBURY ORCHESTRA DELIGHTS C. N. S. AUDIENCE

Under the capable direction of Alan Carter, the Middlebury College Orchestra presented a concert at the State Normal School March 6.

Preceding the program the various instruments of the orchestra were demonstrated by a player from each section.

Beethoven's Coriolan Overture made a forceful and colorful opening number. The contrast of the fast moving rhythm and beautiful melody was interpreted with much feeling.

Symphony No. Four in D Major by Haydn gave an opportunity for more extended interplay of all sections of the orchestra. The tuneful melodies were carried by the strings and woodwinds in turn.

The Concerto by Greig was played with technique and skill by Mr. Cameron McGraw at the piano with a substantial orchestral background.

The Largo from Dvorak's New World Symphony in E Minor Opus 95 was the most familiar selection given. The "Going Home" motif, played with all its variations effectively, exhibited the qualities of the cellos, clarinets, flutes, violins, English horn and bassoon.

The March of the Little Lead Soldiers by Pierne was sprightly played. The staccato playing by all the strings added to the contrast in tone texture.

TUNE UP PROVES INTERESTING SIGHT

To an innocent observer watching a rehearsal for the first time, the auditorium became a confusion of many different sounds, Wednesday afternoon, March 6. As the orchestra members from Middlebury College wandered in they took out their instruments and began to "tune up."

At once the place sounded like a miniature Times Square on New Year's Eve. The blast of a trumpet clashed with the squeak of violin as it was tuned to the pitch of the piano. The deep rich tones of the bass viol were heard as the player ran his bow across the strings. The flute has a shrill trill sound until it becomes warmed up, then the full, smooth tunes reached the listener's ear. When the members had their instruments in tune with the piano, they took their correct places. The director tapped his baton and there was complete silence. He gave the signal to begin. At once beautiful music floated through the auditorium. Just once did Mr. Carter stop the players. Everything was going along splendidly until the trumpets came in. They started running away with the piece. The conductor called for silence. A fresh start was made and all went smoothly.

The dinner gong brought the rehearsal to a close and the observer left with a new insight into the training of an orchestra.

SENIOR SCIENCE PLANS INTERESTING FIELD TRIPS

The senior science class with Mr. Keech, will visit Vermont industrial plants and public service works during the spring season.

Among their trips in their plans is one

EDUCATION AIDED BY RADIO SCRIPT EXCHANGE

A new national depository and library of scientific aide to education—the Educational Radio Script Exchange, serving a rapidly growing development of local school and civic groups actively interested in educational radio—today published its first complete printed list of services for furthering the cause of American education.

The Script Exchange, created by the Federal Radio Education Committee in October 1936, to serve as a clearing house for Educational Radio Scripts and other information, lists in its new publication available now, the four major services of the exchange. These are (1) Radio Scripts, (2) Production Aids, (3) Information and Idea Exchange and (4) Recordings.

U. S. Commissioner of Education John W. Studebaker in his capacity as Federal Radio Education Committee chairman said:

"Since its establishment three years ago, the Script Exchange has filled requests for more than 250,000 copies of scripts received from about 12,000 groups in all parts of the country. The steadily expanding service of the Exchange has been made possible through the cooperation of several hundred local educational and civic organizations, Government agencies, and radio stations. These sources have contributed approximately 3,000 educational scripts to the files of the Exchange during the past three years.

Five hundred and thirteen programs selected by a special script reviewing committee on the basis of quality, and on the kinds of requests for program material which are constantly pouring into the Exchange, are listed in the new Fourth Edition Catalog. Through the Exchanges Circulating Library these scripts are now available to qualified groups actively interested in educational radio. Scripts may be borrowed for a period not exceeding four weeks. There is no charge for this service.

Designed to meet the diversified needs of many different groups, the 513 scripts are grouped under: Biography, Children's Radio Programs, Education, Government, History, Holidays and Special Occasions, Industries, Latin America, Literature, Music Appreciation, National Parks, Natural Science, Parent Education, Safety Education, Science, Social Science, Vocational Guidance and Wild-Life Conservation. Many of these programs had their "premiere" performances over the CBS, NBC, and Mutual Networks.

The Fourth Edition Catalog is one of a series of publications designed to promote more effective local broadcasting and educational and civic organizations. Copies of this catalog may be obtained at ten cents each through the Educational Radio Script Exchange, U. S. Office, of Education Washington, D. C.

to Springfield to visit the Jones & Lamson Machine Company, the Fellows Gear Shaper, and the Bryant Chucking and Grinder Company. The Public Service Gas Works in Rutland will be studied also.

BIRDSEYE REPORTER VISITS TWO CLASSES

This month the Birdseye reporter dropped in on an interesting Urban Sociology Class. The class was busily engaged in discussing the housing problem and its relation to the social problems it gives rise to.

Of special interest in this room was the display of city plans drawn by the students to show how they feel the ideal city of this country should appear. These plans contained zoning of residential and manufacturing districts, plans for civic and business centers and also plans for routes of traffic to avoid congestion.

Under Miss Black's capable direction we feel that this class is one that will give the Sophomore a keen insight into many of the social problems they will face while teaching and better prepare them for the part they will play in society.

The peculiar odors arising from the Art room on the ground floor attracted our attention to the extent that we went snooping and discovered the Sophomore class busily engaged in Industrial Art work.

Several students were engaged in making cord bread, while others were busily engaged sawing wood for wood cuts. Finger painting, powder painting, crinkly paper painting, and comb painting were also being carried on. Others were displaying their interest by tool work on leather, making book marks, folders and binding.

This activity program with Miss Jackson as instructor, is planned so as to give each student an idea of how simple material can be turned into constructive art work in a rural school.

COMMISSION INITIATES YOUTH DISCUSSION

If the world's wars should be ended immediately, what would be the basis of a just and lasting settlement? How should the coming peace be organized?

To stimulate young people thinking on these questions, the Commission to study the Organization of Peace, today announced the formation of a Youth-Education Committee headed by Mrs. Harvey N. Davis, wife of the President of Stevens Institute of Technology. Included are Dr. Walter Kotschnig, professor of comparative education at Smith College, Mr. Richard Fagley of the Church Peace Union, Miss Mary Jeanne McKay, President of the National Student Federation, Mrs. Harrison Thomas of the League of Nations Association, and Mr. Robert G. Spivack, Secretary.

"We are not trying to settle the present war," Mrs. Davis pointed out. "We are not trying to tell the belligerents what their terms of settlement should be. What we hope to do is to induce young people, who will have to live through the next peace, to begin thinking about it. Can they guide themselves to avoid, in the years to come, the errors of the past? What are the paths to a lasting peace? As we see it, our job is more than keeping this country out of war. It is to discover the methods of keeping war out of the world."

C. N. S. STUDENTS ATTEND PIANO RECITAL AT G. M. C.

Rosalyn Tureck, pianist, gave a recital to a large and enthusiastic audience at Green Mountain Junior College, Tuesday evening, March 12.

Miss Tureck's program contained:

Gigue B flat minor . . . *Carl Heinrich Graun*
Foccata A major . . . *P. D. Paradies*
Air and Minuet D minor

Allessandre Scarlatti
Toccata and Fugue D major . . . *J. S. Bach*
Sonata B flat minor . . . *Chopin*

Grave-Agitato
Scherzo
Marche Funebre
Presto

Intermission
Aufschwung *Schumann*
Song without words, Op. 19, No. 1

Mendelssohn
Danse De Puck *Debussy*
La Soiree dans Grenade . . . *Debussy*
Danse Infernale . . . *Strawinsky-Agosti*

Of all the items on the program, this reviewer was most impressed by Miss Tureck's performance of the Chopin Sonata.

Especially did the Scherzo movement seem to be characteristic of the "sardonic cynicism" which the composer was able to express.

Miss Tureck was introduced by Miss Deane of the Music Department, Green Mountain Junior College.

Miss Tureck is a pupil of Olga Samaroff who recently lectured to students of Castleton Normal School.

MOVIE REVIEWS

The Grapes of Wrath

Without color or makeup, the greynesse of the screen portrays the drab but honest and humble lives of the Joad family in "The Grapes of Wrath." The incidents shown are an example of a family struggling for an existence which to most people would be poverty at a low degree. Throughout the whole picture the Joads are constantly striving to improve their station in life.

Hollywood directors have done an excellent job of transferring the book, "The Grapes of Wrath" to the stage without disturbing the bitter and tragic life of the Oklahoma Sharecroppers as portrayed by John Steinbeck.

Seventeen

"Seventeen" returns to the screen in a modern version starring Jackie Cooper as Willie and Betty Field as the girl friend from the city. Supported by Norma Nelson, the hit of the show, and Ann Southern, they succeed in turning in a good performance.

The picture is adapted from Booth Tarkington's story of the same name, and humorously portrays the problems of an adolescent who finds himself in love with a young miss from Chicago. The action is speeded up by Willie's sister, Rosie, played by Norma Nelson, who not only spies continually, but promptly imparts this information to her parents.

Those who can remember when they were seventeen, the picture holds inestimable enjoyment, and those who have forgotten their adolescent days will find pleasure in sympathizing with the ever present problems of Mother and Father Baxter.

EASTER VACATION PLANS

Charlotte Williams will visit Warren E. Lux of Amherst College at his home in Easthampton, Mass.

Viola Jane Perry will be at home, 32 Patterson Street, Barre. No doubt she'll be found midst the throes of dressmaking.

Energetic Helen Sherlin will continue to work hard, catching up on back work delayed by her illness.

As the guest of Laura Williams, Lois Billings will visit Bandville, Vt., and later will spend two days with Rodney Clark of Brattleboro.

Kathryn Coutermarsh is journeying to Springfield, Mass., and later to Mendon where she will meet Mrs. Park. Needless to say, Marge is going along too!

Ruth Seabury is going to Morrisville to visit a favorite aunt, and Barbara Clark will help "sugaring-off" at home.

Jean Adams is going to meet a cousin in Mexico, and return with him to Pittsford. How are you going, Jean, by airplane?

Phyllis Johnson is going to rest after writing her thesis. Poor Phil. She takes everything seriously.

June Willard will visit two chums at U. V. M., then will journey to Buffalo to meet her husband.

Evelyn "Mike" Coyne will act as hostess to Eleanor Tift, her roommate. Frances Stewart and Mae Chamberlain will venture a few days of rest at Downey's Hunting Camp, Clayburg, N. Y., where Miss Stewart has relatives.

Avis LaClair expects to design an Easter outfit for March 24 (she'll have to hurry some, but Avis can do it). Marjorie Ware plans to visit her Mother in Greenfield, Vt.

Agnes Guillow will visit Elizabeth Heffernan. Yohanna Karlson is going home with Virginia Moore.

Barbara Phillips will spend a few days in Hartford, Conn., after visiting with her family, in Mount Vernon, N. Y.

SPORTS FOR WOMEN

We take out hats off to the managers of the winter sports and to those who cooperated with them to make our winter season one that C. N. S. will never forget.

On the skating rink we found Mary Eleanor Hunt, Ed Hart, Elizabeth Heffernan, Jo Hinckley and Alma Meader. Although there were many skaters these were the most frequent and outstanding enthusiasts.

Vera Slack, Frannie and Jimmey Benton, Margaret Flower, Stan Offensend and Bernard Howley showed us many skills in skiing. There were several beginners who have promised us some tricky turns on Staso hill next year.

The new toboggan was nicely initiated by Dolly Galbriath, Waneta Hull, Alma Meader, and Jo Hinckley.

Bud Fish and Elizabeth Heffernan took occasional hikes on snow shoes.

A word to those who were not among the winter enthusiasts—Spring is bringing with it many opportunities in the line of outdoor sports so "let's get going" and make the spring season as successful as the winter season has been.

It is high time that the badminton, volley ball, archery and soft ball managers organized their teams and showed us some real interclass games.

In the past years there have been tournaments in tennis and other games with Green Mountain College. Perhaps if the teams get organized and have plenty of practice we will be able to have lively tournaments with real competition. More power to you managers!!! Let's exhibit our abilities.

TO "BILL"

The Birdseye takes its hat off to you, Bill Jones, for your leadership, cooperation, friendliness and gentlemanly sportsmanship. Your friendliness has been a helping hand for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors alike. Your leadership, cooperation and gentlemanness have been an inspiration for all. You have shown us what a well rounded student means.

The thoughts of all students have been with you during your illness and our best wishes we send to you for a full recovery. We salute you, Bill Jones.

Amateur Plane Builders:

A contest is now going on with valuable prizes for amateur plane builders. Planes costing from 10 cents to a \$1.00 may be entered during the rest of March. Our only requirement is that you buy the plane parts here.

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SPORTS FOR MEN

One of the events which the men students have been looking forward to since early in January will soon come to pass. That is the dedication and opening of the new gymnasium. On the night of dedication April 6, one of the events will be a Varsity-Alumni basketball game. Although the present Varsity's 1939-40 record has not been too impressive they have plenty of good material and should snow under the former greats. Among the Alumni will be many familiar faces to the student body. From last year's quintet Charley "Spike" Prunier will hold down center and will be one of the Alumni's chief scoring threats. Other players on the Alumni squad will be Georgie Harrington, a good defensive guard; The Houston twins, Earl and Glen, Tommy Rice, a sharp shooting forward; Bob Lorette, and Bonny Bonville, captain of the first Castleton Normal basketball team. The Varsity will continue to use the system of rotating two teams. Practice will begin in the new gym the 2nd of April. The Varsity's two teams, the Buttercups and the Pansies, finds the Buttercups with Nichols, Berretta, Gibbs, Hart and Litzwan; and the Pansies with Royce, Moriarity, Grace, Barthelmew, Sparks and Benton. These two teams have been rotated all season and are very nearly equal in ability and team work.

Plans also are now underway for the rest of the activity part of the program of dedication. Miss Ewald and Mr. Fox, the faculty instructors in physical education, are trying to form a program that will include a large percentage of the student body. Interclass competition in volley ball and badminton are among the events on the program.

In the new gymnasium besides the basketball court there will also be lines marked off for two volley ball courts, two badminton courts, and possibly squash and handball courts. With all of these courts, the new gym, showers and lockerroom, the physical education program is now on a collegiate level. The student body which has shown so much interest in the growth of our gym from the old barn to its present status should take advantage of all the facilities it has to offer.

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BREVITIES

Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Brigham visited Helen Saturday afternoon.

Birthday Parties

For Mae Chamberlin—Given by friends.
For Eleanor Galvin—Given by friends.
For Evelyn Anderson—Given by Helen Knutson.

Miscellaneous

Mae Chamberlin has been in the infirmary recovering from a cold.

Miss Campbell gave a party Friday night for the girls who participated in the Grange program.

Sylvia Fenn spent the week-end in Pittsford with Jean Adams.

Frances Benton spent the week-end in Rutland with Marilyn Cheney.

Betty Corliss is substituting for two weeks at Leicester Corners.

Leona Vesper has gone home because of ill health.

Shirley Sprague spent the week-end in East Randolph with Arlene Carpenter.

Barbara Dary spent the week-end in Shoreham with Alma Birchard.

Mr. Jenkins took several students to a concert given by Rosalyn Tureck at Green Mountain College.

George Sparks has moved from the Crow's Nest to the Hart residence.

Albert Dauphin has moved from the Barn to the Crow's Nest.

COMMUTER NOTES

Books being read by the Commuters: Alfred Royce, Gone With the Wind; Jeanne Hinchey, All This and Heaven Too; Glenn Maynard, Man the Unknown; Pearl McMahon, Green Light; Mary Parker, The Good Earth; Mona Williams, Northwest Passage; Joyce Westcott, Grapes of Wrath; Ferol Keech, Cactus Forest; Patricia Hymen, Gone With the Wind; Grace Mound, Grapes of Wrath; Catherine Moriarity, Kitty Foyle; Veronica Brough, Disputed Passage; Helen Hall, The Wonderful Locomotive; Josephine Blanchard, Showboat; Bessie Toth, Pride and Prejudice; Mrs. McKenna, Escape; Anna Wilkins, Inside Asia; Mary O'Neil, Towers in the Mist; Jeanne Lanthier, A Mine That Found Itself; Irene Molner, The Nile; Mary Dervin, So Big; Florence Ryan, All This and Heaven Too; Julia Wheelock, Porcelain Clay; Anita Foley, Towers in the Mist; Genevieve Kelly, Rebecca.

BIRTHDAY BANQUET
FEATURES PROGRAM
OF SCHOOL'S HISTORY

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undaunted enthusiasm that have helped so much in making Castleton what it is today.

The program was closed by the group singing of the Alma Mater.

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April Showers Theme Of Freshman Frolic

A realistic "April Showers" atmosphere created by a beautiful blue-gray sky, penetrated by rays of sunshine formed the theme of the Freshman Frolic Saturday evening, April 27th. More than fifty couples danced to the music of Ianni's swing orchestra which was partially concealed from view by a veil of blue and gray streamers and a row of vividly tinged tulips.

Featured as a speciality of the Frolic was the presentation of a floor show by Miss Esther's Dancing Class of Rutland. The show consisted of tap and toe dance specialities which were appreciated by all.

The committee in charge of the dance was: Katherine Howard, general chairman, with Gertrude Wheeler, Arlene Carpenter, Alma Meader, and Edward Hart as assistants.

MOVIE AND LECTURE GIVEN BY DR. SPEAS

Especially pertinent to future teachers was the movie and lecture given by Dr. C. P. Speas of the Dental Division to the Freshman class in the school auditorium Friday, April 26.

In the present world of higher standards personal appearance is a necessary asset, and teeth are one of the first things that are noticed, Dr. Speas declared. A teacher, a continual example, must be especially careful about her teeth habits.

Because dentists are lazy and haven't kept up on modern methods, they are in part responsible for the deplorable condition that the teeth of many children are in, continued Dr. Speas.

He stressed the importance of nutrition and the part that the teacher plays in encouraging and educating pupils to eat the right things in early years.

The movie which accompanied the lecture showed the development of a baby tooth from birth until it is forced out by the incoming tooth. It pictured also the formation of the permanent teeth. The necessity of filling baby teeth was pointed out.

Dr. Speas urged students to realize that most tooth defects can be easily remedied if cared for at the right time.

"The part of the teacher," he said, "is to educate pupils to eat the right things and to visit the dentist often, not to recommend a certain toothpaste." As for toothpaste, he continued, a soda and salt solution does very well.

Methods of brushing the teeth seem to vary as a matter of style but the accepted one at present is a down motion.

Dr. Speas assured the Freshmen that the Dental Division of the Health Department is very willing to cooperate with teachers.

Gym Opening Draws Near Capacity Crowd

Although rain wet the student body and friends of Castleton Normal School on Monday evening, April 18, it failed to dampen their enthusiasm for the opening of the new gymnasium.

The program began with a speech by Doctor Woodruff as to the previous conditions of gymnasium facilities at Castleton. The next speaker of the evening was Mr. Edward Ellis who told the history of the barn, from its use as a stable to its present use as a gymnasium. Mr. Ellis paid tribute to Doctor Woodruff for having the foresight to visualize a gym out of a barn at Glenbrook. The final speaker of the evening was Mr. Hollis Johnson, Treasurer of the Alumni Association of the school. Mr. Johnson gave the financial report of the building and said that the deficit that remains is very small. He introduced Mr. Earnest Doane, the contractor. The program was then turned over to Miss Ewald and Mr. Fox, directors of physical education.

The program put on by the girls of the school consisted of a volley ball tournament in which the Freshmen I team defeated the Freshmen II team. The Sophomore I team defeated the Sophomore II team. In the finals, the Sophomore I team defeated the Freshman I team for the championship of the school.

Badminton played by four teams representing all the classes of the school was won by the Sophomore team composed of Donald Grace and Margaret Flower.

The final feature of the evening was a basketball game between the two teams which make up the men's basketball squad. Charles Nichols captain for two years, led his golden shirted boys to a thirty-eight to thirty-four victory over Al Royce's aggregation. The spirit of the game, however, was marred when Don Grace, trying to put his team into the lead, crashed into the wall and sustained a sprained ankle.

The gym is used daily for physical education and recreation by both the men and women students. The interior finishing will be completed soon and the gym will be officially dedicated Commencement Week.

MANY SUPERINTENDENTS INTERVIEW STUDENTS

With graduation time fast approaching many students have already secured teaching positions and all graduating students have had opportunity to interview superintendents. Among the juniors who have positions are:

Mary Williamson	Shoreham
Marjorie Park	Benson
Jean Corcoran	Shoreham
Julia Wheelock	Pittsford
Dora Hager	Wallingford
Mary Eleanor Hunt	Northfield

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Junior Class Visits School At Vergennes

The Weeks' School at Vergennes, Vermont, was the destination of the Junior Sociology Class, Thursday, April 25. Upon arrival, the group, with Miss Black as leader, was greeted by Mr. Carpenter, superintendent of the school, who gave a brief talk and answered questions on the administration of the school and all phases of work being done there.

During the afternoon, the cottages, gymnasium, laundry, crafts shop, green house, printing shop and school buildings were visited.

Some of the most interesting work observed was in the new gym where under the direction of a capable instructor each child is given a part of each day for physical instruction. Volley ball, basketball, calisthenics and recreational games comprise a well-rounded program.

Some of the projects being carried out by both the girls and boys are outstanding. The girls do fine needlework, weaving, serving, laundry work, cooking and general housework. Wood carving, cooking, dairying, printing, gardening and general outside work is done by the boys.

The administration building was visited and here were seen the records and case studies which are kept of each individual enrolled in the school.

Opportunity to secure so much first hand information was appreciated by the Juniors who felt that the cooperation given by Mr. Carpenter and members of his staff, especially Miss Vitatoe, who conducted the tour through the school, was a fine example of the spirit that exists at the Weeks' School.

NEW COMMISSIONER RECENTLY APPOINTED

The appointment of Ralph E. Noble of Barre, to succeed Dr. Francis L. Bailey as Commissioner of Education has recently been announced by the State Board of Education.

Mr. Noble was born on a Vermont farm in Randolph, attended the local graded and high schools, was graduated from Dartmouth College and began his teaching in Underhill. He has been superintendent of the schools in Barre. In 1935 he became State Supervisor of secondary and vocational education. This work has given him wide contacts throughout the State and a first hand understanding of school needs and conditions.

From all reports, Mr. Noble brings whole hearted support of educators throughout the state to his new position. Having worked closely with Dr. Bailey, it is assumed that Mr. Noble is thoroughly familiar with the policies that are under way and the plans that are anticipated for the immediate future. This should insure to the teachers and pupils of the public schools continuity of the fine educational program now going forward.

Past Presidents' Day Draws Former Leaders

Former presidents of the various organizations met for the eleventh annual observance of Past Presidents Day on May 4. Albert Dauphin, '41, was chairman, Rose Hillis Chase, '34, Secretary, Ruth Scofield, '32, Treasurer with Robert Lorette, '37, as toastmaster, and Gladys Hall, '33, as song leader. Following luncheon the regular discussion program and business meeting was held at which time new officers were elected.

The membership of this group now numbers 147 persons and represents the four classes, the International Relations Club, the Senate, the Players Club, the Student Cooperative Association, the Commuters Association, the Men's Union and the Athletic Association.

Olive Harwood Dern, '30, Eleanor Gee Ryan, '38 and Kathryn Temple, '40, have served on the general committee with Mr. Dauphin.

DR. KENT ADDRESSES FROSH HYGIENE CLASS

"Foods, fingers and flies are three cardinal factors to look for in conquering diseases," stated Dr. Kent, Director of Communicable Diseases of the State Board of Health, in opening his talk to the freshmen hygiene class on April 10.

The teacher is most likely to encounter chicken pox, diphtheria, measles, mumps, whooping cough, and scarlet fever in her school. She should constantly be on guard and watch for a child with a flushed face, or excessive pallor, red and watery eyes, continued sneezing and coughing and severe headaches. She should have absolute power to exclude pupils from school if they seem dangerous. It is foolish, however, to close school if other activities, movies, and church are attended.

Dr. Kent, guided by questions which members of the freshman class asked, discussed during the second part of his talk the harmful effects of communicable diseases. He said measles, which has a high death rate for children under ten, is much higher than it need be in a civilized country. The danger in measles lies in the fact that the poison of the germ may turn into pneumonia. Mumps result in swollen glands, the saliva dries up, and a disfiguring scar is left. It affects the sex organs, sometimes leaving the patient sterile. Scarlet fever may result in nephritis or Bright's disease. It is a streptococcus infection and attacks the hearing, leading often to a mastoid condition.

Other questions concerned rheumatic fever which Dr. Kent assured his audience was not contagious, but comes as a result of poison from another germ. Mongolianism, which he said, cannot be inherited but is a throwback on the embryonic individual, inoculations for colds which are effective for some people, fail on others.

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PROOF OF THE PUDDING

When the commissionership of education was vacant in 1921, the State Board set out to find a man particularly interested in education in a rural state. The Hon. Francis L. Bailey was chosen and has proved himself fully equal to the task. His interest in teacher education and effective state administration have brought Vermont schools steadily forward.

Among the constructive changes which have taken place are the reduction of schools per superintendent, higher requirement for the certification of superintendent and teachers, increased standards for high schools, added provision for vocational rehabilitation, serious attention to education of the physically handicapped, and further assistance in guidance and research. Teacher turnover has been reduced from 1000 in the years 1927-28 to 500 in 1939-40. The addition of a state supervisor of health and physical education has made parents, teachers and the general public more health conscious. A research department has made available to schools assistance in the scientific study of educational problems. High school supervision has raised the standards of secondary education. Cooperation with all the library facilities of the state has made it possible for every rural school to enjoy more and better books. Encouragement of music in all of the schools, particularly those in rural districts has resulted in increased interest in music both in the schools and communities of the state.

Dr. Bailey leaves Vermont September first to become principal of Maine's largest Normal School. His keen interest in teacher training leads him to accept the challenge of a new opportunity. He and Mrs. Bailey will be missed in Vermont. They have given freely of themselves and their abilities to the church, the schools, and all other organizations contributing to the cultural life of the state. They leave behind a record of the tangible and creditable accomplishment of which they may well feel proud.

The Birdseye offers its congratulations to Dr. Bailey on the promotion that has come to him and extends to him and Mrs. Bailey every good wish for continued success and happiness.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Vermont can place all graduates of her teacher-training institutions in the schools of the state.

What effects does this have on the personality and scholastic achievement of members of the student body? It is evidenced in our own school that this assurance of a position results in distinct carelessness in personal growth due to the lack of keen and challenging competition. This absence of uncertainty and rivalry tends to make students indifferent to the opportunities for intellectual cultural and spiritual growth, it fails to stimulate consistent, and continuous improvement in awareness of social and educational problems and eagerness to participate in vital activities.

An observation was made at the Eastern States Conference at the Eastern States Conference in New York on the dynamic way in which the students of education in other states made themselves felt and known educationally.

What will be the subsequent effect of this policy of assured jobs when the supply has overtaken the demand? Who will survive? Will the few thoroughly alert students in each successive class hold their own while the numbers who were content to "get by" fall by the wayside?

Will the superintendents become more discriminating? Will the communities demand more in skill and personal accomplishment?

WE'VE SEEN

SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON

R. K. O. has produced "Swiss Family Robinson," another picture adapted from a story book long a favorite with young and old.

The plot is based upon the attempt of Thomas Mitchell, a Swiss gentleman, to take his family away from London to more quiet and restful surroundings. Although their destination was the New World they soon found themselves on a South Sea Island. Their mode of living on the island introduces a bit of action but Bobby Quillan, as the youngest son of the family, and Thomas Mitchell give the strongest portrayals. Edna Best, Freddie Bartholomew, Terry Kilburn and Tim Holt comprise the remainder of the Robinson family.

Although the production is good, one misses the excitement which John Wyss gave to the original story.

THE LIGHT THAT FAILED

"The Light That Failed" is brought to the screen in a true version of the Rudyard Kipling novel.

The story deals with the tragic life of Dick Helder, an English painter. Due to an accident, Dick loses his eye sight before he can repair the damage done to his masterpiece by an ignorant street wench Bessie, because of her jealousy of him. When he finds he will be unable to complete his work before he is blind, he returns to the Sudan and is killed in battle.

Ronald Coleman gives an outstanding performance, supported by Ida Lupino and Walter Huston. This is an excellent movie, recommended to all movie goers.

REBECCA

"Rebecca," one of the most outstanding movies of the year, owes much of its success to the excellent performance of the talented Joan Fontaine.

Joan, as the sweet, unsophisticated successor to the hard, brilliant Rebecca, finds herself a misfit in the beautiful Manderlay and in the affections of her aristocratic husband, Maxim DeWinter.

Laurence Olivier as Maxim DeWinter leaves nothing to be desired. He gives a superior portrayal of the strength of character of a great man struggling against inward conflicts and circumstances over which he has no control.

In the supporting cast, top honors go to Judith Anderson for her unusual portrayal of the demented Mrs. Danvers, who because of her undying devotion to the dead Rebecca, makes life almost intolerable for the new Mrs. DeWinter.

The final triumph of sweetness, sincerity and love over beauty, brains and breeding leaves one with a feeling of satisfaction.

MANY SUPERINTENDENTS
INTERVIEW STUDENTS

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Among the superintendents who have interviewed students here at school are:

Mr. Tobin Hagerty	Chester
Mr. Sidney Harding	Rochester
Mr. George Patterson	Vergennes
Mr. Donald Miner	Orwell
Mr. Francis Irons	Bennington
Mr. Lyman Bole	Bradford

POT POURRI

At last the long delayed, much talked about, Springtime is here. The grass is growing greener, the trees are budding, we are getting lazy, and if this paper doesn't come out pretty soon, it will be Summer rather than Spring.

Girls, please note. At last we have found a plan by which you can take much less time with date discussions. It originated at Radcliffe and is said to be a new-fangled, time-saving, date-reporting system. When the girls there sign in they do so with colored pencils and here is the reason.

Purple means "too, too divine."

Red stands for "swell."

Green stands for "average."

Yellow stands for a "failure."

And Blue indicates "an ambulance," a plain walk.

I'm afraid it would be a blue, blue book, but don't say we didn't offer a suggestion.

We all have our Spring signs, some the first leaf, some the warm weather but according to us Spring is really here when:

Doctor Woodruff can be seen pruning in Friendship Garden.

Mr. Fox trades for a new car.

Miss Black is busy correcting Vermont notebooks.

Miss Morrill wears her new coat.

Miss Ewald gets out the tennis and archery equipment.

Miss Kelly gives longer assignments to combat spring fever.

Miss Jackson takes the horse out for exercise.

Mr. Keech goes without his overcoat.

Mr. Jenkins goes without his hat.

Mrs. Hewitt displays spring flowers in the dining room.

And Mr. Arnold fails to leave the Austin behind Leavenworth Hall and is actually seen walking to school.

There is always a good story connected with student teaching and this time it deals with the student teacher who proceeded to test the children in the number combinations, using flash cards, with the answers on, and then wondered why they did so well.

P.S. Was his face red?

Conversation of the new applicant for Federal Aid.

"I would like to apply for Federal Aid."

"Are you a good worker? Do you carry on projects assigned conscientiously? Do you put only actual time worked on time slips? Are you careful to see that all work is completed and never comment on the hours or pay?"

"Yes."

"Sorry, I'm afraid you won't qualify."

Spring Story

Chapter I Boy and girl go out to pick flowers for science.

Chapter II Mr. Keech goes along too.

Chapter III They pick flowers.

CARVETH WELLS SPEAKS AT COUNTY CONVENTION

Carveth Wells, engineer, explorer, author, and lecturer was the featured speaker of the afternoon session of the Tri-County Teachers' Convention. Mr. Wells spoke on the oddities of the Maylayan jungle. He is well acquainted with this part of the world, having surveyed the jungle for the first British railway through it. Recently Mr. Wells visited the Malay states again, exploring the forests with his movie camera. He told tales of strange creatures of the jungle, fish that climb trees, monkeys trained to pick coconuts, birds that sleep upside down, deer the size of a mouse, and plants that quiver and fold into nothingness at the approach of a human being—and he proved that the oddities really exist by showing movies in color that he took of them.

After the lecture Mr. Wells displayed some Maylayan costumes collected on his travels. The bright colors and quaint patterns were very typical of all the native dress of the country he said.

The acceptance by the group of this innovation in the convention program was shown by the capacity audience that listened raptly to Mr. Wells' picture.

JUNIOR CLASS VISITS IN RUTLAND SCHOOLS

Observation of the teaching of arithmetic and social studies was the object of the Junior class trip Thursday, April 18.

At the Longfellow school in Rutland, work was observed in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Especially noteworthy were the individual projects being carried on in a lower grade in connection with a unit on Japan.

At the Meldon Junior High School departmentalized work in social science was observed in grades seven and eight. The material being studied included current events, constitutional history and survey of Vermont.

While this observation failed to present the introduction of any new subject matter, it did give the Juniors a fairly comprehensive survey of the work being carried on in the Rutland City school system.

BIRDSEYE SPONSORS SUCCESSFUL FOOD SALE

On Wednesday afternoon, April 16, Miss Kelly's classroom was transformed into a dining hall with our efficient editor as head waiter. Pies of many kinds and delicious cup cakes made by "Joe" Sanders were the leading attractions. For those who wished to avoid the high calorie content of pie, appetizing cakes, brownies, and cookies were provided.

The sale itself was for the benefit of the Birdseye, and judging by the attendance our journalistic endeavor is well supported by faculty and students. The profits will help to meet the expenses for the remainder of the year and add to the typewriter fund. Undoubtedly this food sale was one of the most successful ever held at C. N. S. due to the fine cooperation on the part of everyone.

CONCERT GIVEN BY CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA

Twenty children ranging from the age of nine to sixteen years gave a musical program at Castleton Normal School, April 18. Prior to the program, their director, Franz Lorenz outlined his objectives in organizing the group known as the "Bennington Children's Orchestra." This orchestra has been organized five years this month. The instruments of the orchestra were donated by Mr. Lorenz and interested citizens. In his brief summary he stressed his disbelief in the statement that Vermonters are not musical.

The program opened by a string quartet playing a bright, fast moving number, "War March of the Priests," by Mendelssohn. This was followed by two more selections which definitely proved the ability these enthusiastic young musicians have for producing music rich in tone quality.

A string quintette gave the second part of the program, playing Allegro ma non troppo, from Schubert.

The concluding numbers were played with the entire ensemble taking part.

Program

War March of the Priests	Mendelssohn
Variation form Quartet, op. 42	Haydn
Andantino from Rosamunde	Schubert
String Quartet	
String Quintette, op. 163	Schubert
Allegro ma non troppo	
String Quintette	
Bourree	Bach
March	Bach
Waltz	Brahms
Air	Bach
Golden Sonata	Purcell-Luening
Allegro	
Finale	

SOPHOMORES CHOOSE ALPHA LAMBA MEMBERS

The new members of the Sophomore Honor Society, Alpha Lambda, chosen by the class from the Freshman class are: Josephine Hinckley, Alex Listwan, Vera Slack and Katherine Howard.

DORMITORY DAME'S DIZZY DOINGS DARINGLY DISCLOSED

It has long been a mystery to us, what takes place behind the pulled shades of Leavenworth Hall after 10 P. M., with lights presumably out. Our first inkling came, when we observed coca cola, crackers and cheese being carried into the dorm and the odor of coffee, and pop corn coming through the open windows. Upon investigation here are the cases disclosed.

CASE I.

Two girls taking advantage of the opportunity to be fresh air fiends, by sleeping on the roof. This event left its marks on the participants in more than one way.

CASE II.

Four bridge enthusiasts and a kibitzer concentrating on the fine points of contract and not leaving until 7 A. M.

CASE III.

A group of sleepy-eyed lasses conferring on the age old question of whether the

CARMELO CASCIO GIVES VARIED PIANO CONCERT

Carmelo Cascio, well known blind pianist, gave a piano concert at Castleton Normal School, April 30th.

Mr. Cascio presented a varied program of representative selections including one of his own compositions, "In The Forest." Here the life of the forest people is portrayed. One can hear the chirping of birds, the rustling of wind through leaves, a brook winding its way over rocks and grasses.

Polonaise, Opus 40, No. 1 by Chopin proved to be a favorite with the audience. The Fantasia Impromptu, Opus 66, by the same composer recalled to the audience a popular song. The melody of which was based upon the theme of the Impromptu. The Submerged Cathedral by Debussy was another pictorial composition which appealed to the imagination of the student audience. The finale, fourth movement of a Sonata by the South American Composer, Soro, was played with surety and brilliance.

As an encore Mr. Cascio played, "Back In My City," which expresses his happiness when he returned to his native city of Schenectady from a long journey in Italy.

SOCIOLOGY GROUP VISITS BRANDON SCHOOL

The Junior Sociology class visited the Brandon State School, for the mentally handicapped under the guidance of Miss Black Tuesday afternoon, May 14.

At the school the group was greeted by Dr. Thorn who outlined briefly the work being done, stressing especially the changed attitude toward the handicapped. Following his talk Dr. Thorn showed the Juniors all phases of the program being carried on. The class visited the dormitories, laundry, kitchen craft shop and school.

The visiting of this institution along with others the class has seen is part of the observation program followed by the Educational Sociology class in their regular program. In the near future a trip is being planned to Riverside in Rutland, and to the State Prison at Windsor.

NEW YORK DELEGATES TELL TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

"The rustle and bustle of crowds," was the prompt answer of one delegate to the conference when asked what she liked best about New York. "There are so many people one loses all self-consciousness and stops worrying about the tilt of one's hat or state of one's permanent, for after all who is going to notice or care?" On the other hand, she was surprised to hear a bell hop's personal greeting, "Good morning, Miss Morrill," and even on Times Square one of the group did run across people she knew!

To say "Excuse me," on a subway is to mark yourself a stranger. Using common terms of courtesy just isn't done, it seems.

Knowing the city well, Miss Morrill gave places personal interest in describing them. "Here," she would point out "is Miss Kelly's favorite coffee shop," or "Here is where —."

As for the conference itself, the friendly attitude created an ideal atmosphere for the exchange of ideas and stimulated a real desire to take part in the discussions.

"I only wish" said one of our representatives, "that another year one of our students might be included among the members of the panel."

"The students who acted as leaders of the various groups were excellent. I was impressed," she concluded, "with the feeling that any one of us who so desires can develop for himself an equally fine and outstanding personality."

DONALD ELDRED SPEAKS ON GUIDANCE TYPES

A comparative study of the three types of guidance—vocational, educational and social—was made by Donald Eldred for the Seniors and Sophomores April 6 in Miss Morrill's classroom. The evils of the presentation of guidance by unskilled teachers was stressed. A worthwhile plan for all training of elementary school teachers in the field of guidance was offered.

Mr. Eldred is a faculty member of Proctor High School and is assistant director of guidance in Vermont.

DISPLAY OF MURALS IN ART CLASS ROOM

An interesting display of murals will soon be on exhibition in the Art Class room. These portray such challenging subjects as war, democracy, labor, flood control, child labor, share cropping, blue laws, unemployment and socialized medicine. Among the media used are Fresco paints, art chalk, alabastine paints, and charcoal. Techniques employed are comparison, gradation, rhythm, and color devices. Every freshman has participated in the representations which have been under way for the past month.

COOPERATIVE MEETING ENJOYS "MELLERDRAMMER"

"The Mellerdrummer," by Oscar L. Gustafson was presented by the main corridor, second floor, of Leavenworth Hall at a recent Student Cooperative meeting. Those participating included Kay Courtermarsh, Arlene French, Eleanor Galvin, Shirley McLaughlin, Marjorie Park, Marjorie Perrin, Barbara Phillips, Helen Scherlin, Charlotte Williams and Mary Zelazny.

BREVITIES

Guests

Marie Little spent three days in the dormitory as the guest of Mary Eleanor Hunt and Mary Williamson.

Mary Wiggins visited friends here Tuesday.

Norma Shephard, '37, Shirley Webster, '38, and Ruth Gallant, '37, spent the week-end of April 13 at Leavenworth Hall.

Birthday Parties

For Frances Stewart on April 6, given by friends.

For Lademia Carey on April 16, given by third floor west corridor.

For Barbara Dary on April 15, given by girls in the foyer.

For Fidelis Fox on April 13, given by third floor west corridor.

For Mary Gaudette on April 11, given by girls at Phillips House.

Miscellaneous

Doris Gailbraith spent her Easter vacation at Derby Line with Wanetta Hull.

Constance Phelps spent the week-end of April 13 in Albany as the guest of Marjorie Perrin.

Alice Hamilton and Marjorie Dix spent the week-end in Northfield at the home of Mary Eleanor Hunt.

Frances Benton recently spent two days in Rutland with Marilyn Cheney.

Lovina Orvis has returned to school after visiting her sister who has been ill.

Alma Birchard left school April 16 to accept a position at the Brandon State School.

Francis Moriarity visited in Albany recently.

DR. KENT ADDRESSES
FROSH HYGIENE CLASS

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Colds should be quarantined. The future holds much for cold prevention discoveries.

He explained that the State doesn't furnish free Schick tests but does give toxoid free.

Dr. Kent closed with the wish that he could return and answer the rest of the questions. Plans are made for a return address in May to which the townspeople are invited.

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SPORTS FOR WOMEN

The "place of business" for the girls' sports has changed from the old chapel to the new gym. With this shifting there has come about a more varied sports program for the girls.

Basketball enthusiasts have at last had a chance to display their skills. The girls immediately started playing interclass games. Freshman and sophomore classes both have teams, and we hope that the junior girls will organize a team in the near future. Now that the basketball has had its start, the girls promise that they will be expert for next year when girls' games will start with the regular season.

We take our hats off to the volley ball and badminton players who gave such an excellent exhibition on the night of April 8. Sophomore I Volley team won over Sophomore II and Freshman I. Again the sophomores were victorious in the badminton tournaments. "Posie" Flower represented the sophomore girls in this tournament. This is ample proof that the efforts of the volley ball and badminton managers have been to the good.

The time remaining for this year is very limited, therefore there is little need for us to be reminded of the many opportunities for real fun which we have, however, just in case there are some who are not awake to these opportunities, we refer you to the sports managers and bulletin boards for information about spring sports.

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SPORTS FOR MEN

In the feature event of the opening of the gymnasium the yellow shirted Buttercups nosed out the white shirted Pansies in a game packed with excitement from starting whistle to final gun. The final score found the Buttercups out in front 38-34. The lead sawed back and forth many times and the teams were never separated by more than five points. Fran Moriarity, the ace of the Pansies, tallied the first goal of the game but at the end of the first quarter the Buttercups had found their eye and were in the lead 13-11.

Putting on a spirited rally the Pansies forged into a 24-22 lead at half time. In the third stanza the Buttercups again staged a comeback and knotted the count leaving the score 30-30 as the period closed. In the final quarter the Buttercups were able to find the loop with more accuracy than the Pansies and came out on top 38-34.

This was a good example of the Castleton brand of basketball and the capacity crowd was well satisfied with the exhibition. Ed Hart and Gibbs were the top scorers for the victors with fourteen and eight points respectively. Fran Moriarity for the losers also counted for fourteen points while Don Grace was next in line with eight.

As this game brought the 1940 season to a close, prospects for a better season next year were very bright. Only "Sandy" Beretta and Charlie Nichols are being lost through graduation. Coming back next year will be Fran Moriarity, Don Grace, Harold Gibbs, Ed Hart, Al Royce, Alex Litzwan, Jim Steele, Wendy Bartholomew, Jim Benton, George Sparks, and Glen Maynard. Coach Fox will have plenty of good material around which to build his 1941 team, and next season should see Castleton winning a majority of its games.

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COMMUTERS NOTES

Dear Friends,

When spring vacation was over and we returned to school we found many exciting things going on. Our first surprise came when we opened the doors of the Commuter's Room and saw the renovations. Pale yellow walls and table covers with touches of blue and gold in curtains and pillows enlivened the whole atmosphere.

As we were looking around we discovered that another group had preceded us. A group of sleek, gray velvet clad creatures called mice, had taken up house-keeping in the cupboards. The question now is, shall we buy a trap or get a cat? Both have disadvantages.

The first period bell rings and there is a rush for class. A number of those remaining immediately turn to sewing. Mary O'Neill stands on a chair to have her skirt hung. Mona Williams and Florence Ryan are busy at the sewing machine and Anita Foley is directing a small group in cutting out material. When questioned about sewing for the Finns, the answer came, "We expect to see several Finns in school modeling their own dresses."

At the present time the art classes are supplying us with many interesting articles. Fay Colby has finished a Tee Dee Indian Loom, and now is starting to weave a belt. Frances McKenna is practicing a simple tune called "Chinese Lullaby" on her hand made fiddle. Tina Lanfear, Mary Parker, Pearl McMahon and Joyce Westcott are working on puppets and planning to give a free performance.

Perhaps you would like to visit our "boudoir." There Mary Faryniarz waves straight hair, forces curly hair in place. She would be glad to give a facial concocted by a friend if anyone dared patronize her.

Since the Birdseye Food Sale the diet squad is in action.

Did you know that Mona Williams, Genevieve Kelly, Marjorie Hinckley, Florence Willet and Mary Dervin are the expert contortionists?

During vacation Mary O'Neill motored to Glens Falls accompanied by Anita Foley, Veronica Brough, Patricia Hyman, Jean Hinchey and Mona Williams.

Our favorite sport is ping pong. Several can no longer be considered amateurs. The next in favor especially with freshmen, is dancing. Several of the girls are really quite accomplished.

Mary Dwyer reports that while practice teaching she worked for three hours one night making cardboard animals and found when she finished them that her dogs were larger than her cows.

At a recent class meeting one of our men commuters got rather hot under the collar. Maybe he needs a lesson in counting? Anita Foley was elected vice president.

Now that our letter is ending we wish to extend an invitation to all our friends to visit us.

Sincerely,
Your Reporter.

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TATE EDUCATORS PAY HOMAGE TO DR. WOODRUFF

May 11. Vermont's leading educators gathered tonight at a friendship dinner at the Pavilion Hotel in Montpelier to honor their friend and colleague, Dr. Caroline Woodruff.

Dr. Francis Bailey, Commissioner of Education presided at the dinner, at which one hundred were present, and Mr. Archie W. Stone of Island Pond was toastmaster.

After dinner, speakers, chosen to represent the various educational bodies of the state, paid tribute to Dr. Woodruff.

In response to these, Dr. Woodruff spoke of her appreciation and gave these fundamental principles to which she attributed whatever success she has enjoyed—the glorification of whatever she was doing, seeking to know people who were doing worthwhile things and a faith in a power higher than herself.

Paying respect to Dr. Woodruff were the following speakers: Mr. John Fisher, representing the State Board of Education, Superintendent Lyman Hunt, the Superintendents, Principal Joe Wiggins, the High School Principals, Principal Donald McClelland, the Normal Schools, Dr. Bennett C. Douglas, the University of Vermont, Dr. John Thomas, Norwich University, Miss Alice Morrill, the Castleton Normal School faculty, Miss Florence Hale, Editor of the Grade Teacher and former Governor John Weeks. Telegrams were also read from many invited guests who could not be present.

Following the speeches, Mr. Stone announced that a book containing the various tributes to Dr. Woodruff would be sent to her later.

The private dining room was decorated with mixed bouquets of spring flowers in pastel shades while small tables for six were grouped in front of the long banquet table at which Dr. Woodruff and the speakers were seated.

Between the courses of the dinner, Max Burrows, newly appointed Supervisor of High Schools, led the group in the singing of favorite songs. He was accompanied by Mrs. Francis Bailey.

An informal reception followed the banquet, at which Dr. Woodruff was showered with felicitations and best wishes.

C. N. S. BIRTHDAY BANQUET FETES PRINCIPAL

At the annual Castleton Normal School Banquet held March 20 the principals of this institution since its beginning in 1787 were honored with tributes by the present faculty and staff. Miss Florence Black lighted a candle and paid recognition to the growth of the school under the present administration.

Among other things, Miss Black quoted Mr. Philip Leavenworth's statement that

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CAROLINE SALOME WOODRUFF

FORMER ASSOCIATES PRESENT FLOWERS

Sixty red roses each bearing a message from a friend and former associate in some phase of educational work, were presented to Dr. Woodruff by Miss Mary B. Sullivan, former member of Castleton Normal School Faculty.

Those who were represented in the gift are: Mesdames Dora Martin Stryker, Abbie McNeill, Margaret Kelley, Nell Adams, Mary Pierce King, Elizabeth Graves Huebner, Alice Scully Titus, Laura Lathrop Harwood, Charles Stevens, Gilbert Woods, Marion Fairbanks Adams, Charles Ruiter, Mary Simpson. Also Misses Nellie Campbell, Rosalind Mackie, Maude Sprague, Katherine Aagesen, Mary Dean, Isabelle Murray, Elizabeth Hoffman, Eliza Allen, Jennie Allingham, Elizabeth Colburn, Bertha Terrill, Clara Wheeler, Sarah Holbrooke, Mary Jean Simpson, Marion Parkhurst, Florence Fisher, Rita Bole, Laila McNeill, Catherine Nulty.

Others were: Misses Phila Griffin, Marion Carswell, Jean Soules, Deborah Weisel, Isaranda Sanborn, Margaret McCormick, Mary Hammond, Marguerite Beecher, Marjorie McCarthy, Loretta McGrath,

MISS WOODRUFF PLANS NEW HOME

In July Dr. Woodruff will leave Glenbrook and move into the white colonial house on main street which she has recently bought.

The new house is typical of Castleton's architecture and Dr. Woodruff is restoring and renovating it to colonial simplicity. The porch has been removed, revealing a paneled, recessed doorway to which pilasters have been added. In front of the doorway, red brick steps will be laid with wrought iron railings at the sides. The house has been repainted white and the shutters will be blue.

Dr. Woodruff has landscaping plans which include a flower garden, shrubs and a white picket fence.

Blanche Allen, Elsie Tinker, Genevieve Kelly, Louise Sherman, Madeline Shelvey, Ann Reilly, Emma Needham, Veronica Shelvey, Helen Crawford, Marion Childs, Marion Horan, Edith Barrett, Alison Feast, Eleanor Holden, Agnes McCaughey, Caroline Ely, Harriet Ide, Elizabeth Hall, Madeline Randall and Mary B. Sullivan.

DR. WOODRUFF TERMINATES LONG PRINCIPALSHIP

With the graduation of the class of 1940, Dr. Woodruff will have completed nineteen years as head of the Castleton Normal school. Miss Woodruff came to C. N. S. in 1921 and has continuously directed the affairs of the school up to the present time. Dr. Woodruff's term of office as principal is the longest the institution has known.

Under her administration the school has grown physically from two buildings to four on the main campus and the addition of a gymnasium, the starting of a boys' dormitory and the principal's home on the Glenbrook Estate.

Educationally the school has expanded from an institution offering two years of training to one of four years culminating in a degree.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF RETIRING PRINCIPAL

Since she announced her resignation, Miss Woodruff has been feted almost continuously by students, faculty and friends.

Philip's House Girls, with Mrs. Leavenworth, opened the series of parties with a tea May 16. The guests included the present Normal School faculty, several former members, and the town teachers. Yellow, the dominant color note, was reflected in the decorations of spring flowers and candles.

Tuesday, May 19, the teachers of the Castleton Schools, entertained Miss Woodruff at a dinner party at the Blossoms Tea Room in Rutland. The hosts were Mr. Paul C. Quinn and the Misses Minnie Sanford, Florence Moriarty, Anna Reil, Athleen Parks, Rachel Hinckley, Martha Langdon, Louise Ransom, Helen Workman and Marion Tucker.

Wednesday, May 29, the students of the Normal School surprised Miss Woodruff with a formal banquet at which they presented her with a nest of mahogany tables of Heppelwhite design.

The dining room was massed with a profusion of spring flowers and lighted by tall blue candles on long tables at which programs and place cards carried out the color scheme. The program covers bore a sketch of Miss Woodruff drawn by John Houser.

"Woodruffiana," a crystal gazer's view of Miss Woodruff's future activities in horticulture, housekeeping, and world peace, revealed unsuspected talents and furnished amusement to everyone, particularly the guest of honor.

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WHERE E'ER YOU WALK

Nearly two decades ago a woman stood and gazed at a building, visioning, in this simple structure, a citadel of knowledge, a fountain of learning to which the youth of her state could come and work, and dream and learn; finally going forth inspired to teach other youth the beauty, the fineness, the value of life. Today, these youth of whom she dreamed, pay homage to Dr. Caroline Woodruff, teacher, leader, friend.

Vision is a dream. Since teaching and the training of teachers is her song of life it must be a fine song; a symphony with never an ending. Castleton must lead in the struggle to make of education in Vermont a profession, a profession with the years of training, the personal qualities, the abilities which the term implies. Castleton offers two, three, and finally four years of training. Somewhere along the route all but the idealist would have rested and grown stagnant on laurels already won.

Courage is faith. Should disaster overtake your dream you need more than vision to see you through. You need courage to stand watching the smoldering embers of a burning building realizing that here is all that is left of the Castleton Normal School. To snatch from these charred remains your dream and with a brave heart and pitifully little money rebuild a stronger, more fitting dwelling for that dream, requires energy, determination and a supreme personal belief in the rightness of an idea. This is what men call faith.

The spirit of the new Castleton Normal School is the spirit of Dr. Caroline Woodruff. To this living, vibrant, growing force there can never be an end. So, each year as spring comes drifting over Glenbrook and Leavenworth Hall, we shall see her there yet, strong and smiling, her image in the eyes of youth.

Earl Houston, '39

HELP—WANTED

There's a titanic job awaiting someone. Executive, ambassador, crusader and friend, all in one. An executive with the business acumen of the born Yankee, an ambassador with the charm to promote CNS abroad, a crusader with the magnetism to put across revolutionary ideas at home, and a friend to help us face our problems.

You and I, your class and my class, the classes of '21, '26, '31, and all the others, were never particularly conscious of the executive and ambassadorial qualities of our president, but we were warmly aware of her as a friend. Older and wiser folks say she gets the point of view of youth. But it's more than that. Each new student who enters these doors is recognized by her as an individual in his own right, not as just one more in the parade of youth.

I never could figure out—and how I would like to!—how she “discovered” each one of us, and uncovered many qualities we didn't even know we had. She saw latent enthusiasms in us, and fostered them; we found that we could give something to CNS, as well as take away the beginnings of an education. Each one of us acquired an importance to ourselves, because we seemed to have an importance to her.

Dorothy Beach Barnouw, '34

IN TRIBUTE

WE ARE THE ELECT

We are the inspired—
Having known the personal touch
Of one imbued with inspiration.

We are the dauntless—
Having known one
Whose silver badge of courage
Shines brighter
With each succeeding task.

We are the reverent—
Knowing one
Whose quest of the Divine
Leads on to greater aspiration.

We are the learned—
Because we thirst
With one whose knowledge
Far exceeds our own.

We are the lovers of children—
For one whose boundless love
Of childhood showed us the joy
Of human artistry; the child our clay,
And our ideals, the mold.

We are the great in heart—
For we have touched shoulders
With one, who though in high esteem
Shuns the fanfare of success
And ever seeks a gracious humility.

We are the elect—
For we have known one
Whose dearest thoughts
Concerned us;
Whose every action
Strove to make things better for us,
And through the striving
Gave us the good life.

We, the elect,
Treasure all this and pass it on
To those who have not been
As fortunate as we.

Nethelia Sherman Maguire, '35

TO A GALLANT LADY

What can we bring to her whose guiding hand
Has shaped the varied patterns of our lives and days?
What jeweled crown of guerdon rich and rare
To one whose years have earned unmeasured praise?
From quiet country side to crowded marts,
Wherever youth's bright torches burst to flame
Wherever pilgrims stoop to slake their thirst
At Learning's clear bright pool
You'll find her name.

Not written for a day in shifting sands
Which from our mem'ries Time will soon erase
But bound into the annals of a State
We read the record of her days of grace.
By humble efforts and unceasing toil,
The long slow climb to mountain heights was won,
Each fresh new chapter in her Book of Life
Reveals the story of a task well done.

Each year has brought to her its mellowing touch
But in her eyes the unquenched fire of youth
Burns brightly on. Her message to a changing world
Still dauntless, couched in words of wisdom, courage, truth.
A Lady with a Lamp held high! To you we humbly bring
No jeweled crown, nor treasures of the mine,
No laurel wreath, tho' 'tis your victor's right.
We bring a simple branch of mountain pine,
Dipped in the sparkling dew of roadside font.
And crown you with the guerdon you have won
The emblem of our own loved state—Vermont.

Eleanor Heidel, '35

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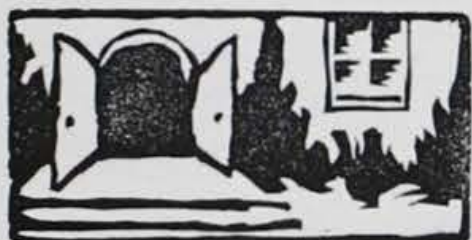
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C. N. S. Traditions

The pulse of Castleton beats in its traditions. Groups participating in these traditions have emanated the power of the idea of Castleton. The school has believed in a sturdy sentiment as an assurance of faith in itself, in its purposes and potential realizations and those who have been associated with the school through its traditions have grasped a real conception of the intrinsic meaning of Castleton.

This body of traditions has developed in consistency with the growth of the school in a series of everyday, intimate occasions.

The first get-together in the Old Chapel with the name tabs exhibited in upper right hand corners of blouses and lapels, with big sisters leading little sisters by the hand and with sophomores trying their hands at new responsibilities is the Freshmen's primary encounter with Castleton tradition. When the games and informal dancing terminates the Freshman has a genuine, at-home feeling.



Open House which comes in the autumn has an atmosphere which differentiates it from other open houses. Townspeople, friends and a few parents drop in for informal tea and an afternoon of cordiality with students and faculty. On occasions a spectacular Harvest Festival is presented.

Then there is Home Coming Day when the old upper classmen return to talk about their children and to confer with faculty, Miss Allingham and one another on their pertinent problems as beginning teachers.

The Thanksgiving baskets which are heaped high with food in packages of all sizes and shapes and distributed to needy families is an annual custom of charity which brings happiness to many homes.

Christmas at Castleton radiates a tone in enunciation of Christian values. One feels it in the singing of Christmas carols and in groups rehearsing the Christmas music or the Nativity Play. One senses



it as groups pause by Miss Woodruff's door to see the familiar creche. The mood rings supreme at the final celebration on the last Friday night in the singing of

C. N. S. BIRTHDAY BANQUET FETES PRINCIPALS

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Miss Woodruff was "a worthy successor to the noblest of her predecessors." She emphasized the enthusiasm, persistence, determination, vision and zest in living which have characterized Miss Woodruff's leadership at Castleton and throughout the state.

carols to shut-ins in town, the colorful banquet, the Yule Log ceremony and, lastly, the beautiful Nativity Play. Christmas at Castleton is a singularly stirring tradition.

Commemoration of the School's Birthday is another annual event. A large birthday cake is the focal point in a dining room arrayed in colorful table design.



The program may range from a hilarious presentation of stunts by month groups to a dignified ceremony honoring the growth and development of the school. In any event Miss Higley is always present.

May first brings some delightful surprise. It may be a dainty May basket outside your door or the crowning of a May Queen at a morning breakfast in the hills.

Early in May the Past Presidents convene for their annual banquet and meeting in the dining room. At this time the mysterious President's Purse is opened.

The spirit of Castleton permeates in the Candle Lighting Ceremony at the close of the year. Two dark columns garbed in collegiate gown emerge and advance toward the master light which glows at the entrance of the Alma Mater as the song rises. Then down from the majestic portals descends the column with the energy of Castleton glowing in their hands to pass in stateliness through the front gate and away from Castleton as the song quietly fades.



Each tradition potent in its significance has achieved its own transcending essence. In an alliance of sentiments this body of traditions forms an endowment in a powerful idea which is the pulse of Castleton.

Rachel Hinckley

CAMPUS BEAUTIFUL

The most beautiful campus in the State of Vermont has been the ideal Dr. Woodruff has visioned and the goal toward which the school has worked.

Among the objects of beauty, stand three trees of special importance. Bordering the front walk is the Harriet Haskell Tree, brought by Mr. Zenas Ellis from Miss Haskell's school in Monticello, Illinois. In front of the Old Chapel is the Solomon Foote Tree, a large elm planted by Mr. Foote in 1826. The Class of '85 became perpetuated by the planting of a beech tree which stands on the west corner of the front campus.

Reminiscences

1922

In the year 1921-22, Miss Woodruff's first year at Castleton, there were many important events that have since become traditions. We had the first field day, we produced the first play. Midsummer Night's Dream, on the campus, we formed the Student Cooperative Association. To me the memory of the class in "Introduction to Teaching," taught by Miss Woodruff, returns most often.

Mary Pierce King

1923

One of the highlights of '23 was the June production of "As You Like It" with Doris Preston and Pauline Lyman giving excellent characterizations as Rosalind and Orlando. The Castle-Tone, which has grown into an imposing publication, was born and named this year.

Anna Reil

1924

After the fire, officials looked at the one remaining building, the small chapel, and apparently thought it was not enough space for there was talk of housing us in the Rutland Work House!

From the ashes of the old building emerged a better school of today.

The one who led in that reconstruction is known and loved by the class of '24.

Kathryn Hinckley Wright

1925

We have many happy memories of our days at C. N. S.

We experienced a real thrill when in the spring of our second year we were able to move into the new building.

Our best wishes to Miss Woodruff. We shall always look to her to carry the banner of fine professional ideals as she has done through all the years at Castleton Normal School.

Elsie Best Adams

1926

We, the class of '26, express to Dr. Woodruff our gratitude for memories rich in joy pleasure, and idealism which she so graciously imbued in us while we were 53 strong at C. N. S. We hope she remembers that it was we who first formed the Athletic Association; we who started that famous "Banjo-Ukelele Club"; we who presented the school's first Operetta, "Princess Chrysanthemum"; we who originated the school's Birthday Party.

Erminie Hewitt Nott

1927

It was at Chapel on an early Spring day when our Principal asked us to assemble in the lower hall of the Main Building at 1:30.

When all were together, she told us that we were to have a part in the breaking of the ground for the new dormitory.

How happy it made us all, to have a part in the erection of a building which, to my mind, will stand as a memorial to the most understanding principal—Dr. Caroline S. Woodruff.

Betty Morrill Penell

1928

Perhaps no event occurred to arouse greater interest, among the class of 1928, than the placing of the Maples Hotel under quarantine for diphtheria. Within, fear stalked beside each member—and with good reason! Had not the merry Bridget O'Brien partaken of ice cream from the same spoon as Irene Hanfield (who in the meantime had returned home

to discover that her illness was serious)? Had not every member dropped in on Irene for a chat? What fun. No study hours—no classes! Just play—while the rest of the school labored, looking at us with pity!

Katherine Burt

1929

The keynote of C. N. S. in 1927-1929 was growth which was marked by two very definite milestones, namely, the laying of the cornerstone of Leavenworth Hall and the gift of Dewey Field.

The most far-reaching event in my life at C. N. S. was the privilege of being Miss Woodruff's waitress for a year. The hours of association with her opened doors to me which made of that year a memory which grows ever dearer with the passing of the years.

Marion Farnum Poinsett

1930

"Upon God's chosen hilltop

Our old C. N. S. stands . . ."

So still sings the class of 1930. Our song brings back memories of many happy days at C. N. S. Memories, too numerous to mention: "Dear Old Pals," the fireplace in the Lobby, fun in the Sports Room, the often postponed Winter Carnival, the Prom, our Entertainment Course bringing many outstanding visitors, our attempts at dramatics and musical interpretation.

How much at home we made ourselves in Leavenworth Hall, for we had the honor of being the first class to call it home for two years.

Otilia M. Brolin

1931

We managed to have more free hours than any previous group and we were energetic enough to play tennis at dawn—until!

We were certain we were 100% Americans until there came that day of days when more than a few of us departed from a certain English class all because we did not know the Gettysburg Address!

It was amazing how, as the days and weeks sped, we improved, how we became better tennis players—after Dawn—and better Americans a la Gettysburg Address.

Alison T. Feast

1932

A message from the class of 1932? Not one, but a myriad of pleasant thoughts have been mine, as I recalled the various activities that we were so fortunate in experiencing. The senate picnic, amidst the grandeur and majesty of the Vermont hills remains vivid in my memory—especially because their splendour, strength, and ability for vision has always reminded me of Miss Woodruff. They seem to be her mountains—with her qualities.

Helen Marchand O'Rourke

1933

Oh, the Class of Nineteen Thirty-Three Upon a pageant did agree—

Of mighty warriors brave and true

All gaily decked in gold and blue;

A hat and plume, of ancient bloom,

A trumpet, bugle, and the boom

Of drums and clarinets and such

To give the atmosphere touch.

Miss Jackson said: "A horse is nice;

I think there's one that will suffice

If but a rider we can find.

Now, have you anyone in mind?"

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AS WE WERE Physical Education Equipment 1924

Indoor equipment:
1 piano
1 mat
6 traveling rings
25 pair dumbbells
25 pair Indian clubs
Parallel bars
1 basketball court
2 basketballs
Outdoor equipment:
1 tennis court
4 tennis rackets
1 volley ball

REMINISCENCES

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Of course the members did agree
Upon a lass of '33.
Alack! Alas! Miss Woodruff's face
Was all aghast at what took place!
The trumpets blew—the horse, he flew;
The charges of the Light Brigade
Had nothing on that fair young maid.
And if, by chance of circumstance,
A moment you may squander,
Take up the movie camera now
And watch in vain for horsey's bow—
Then on the riddle ponder!

Laura Wade

1934

Dorothy Beach and her editorial staff mastered the theories of Gutenberg and his contemporaries, the first issue of THE BIRDSEYE was published in nineteen thirty-four. So thorough was our work that the paper was acclaimed with great gusto.

Some of those first headlines were: Miss Woodruff awarded Ed.D., Mme. Homer's Concert, Superb Production of Alice in Wonderland, Lillian Wimet's Untimely Death, First Boy's Basketball Team, and so we went, making each issue better than the last.

Rose Hollis Chase

1935

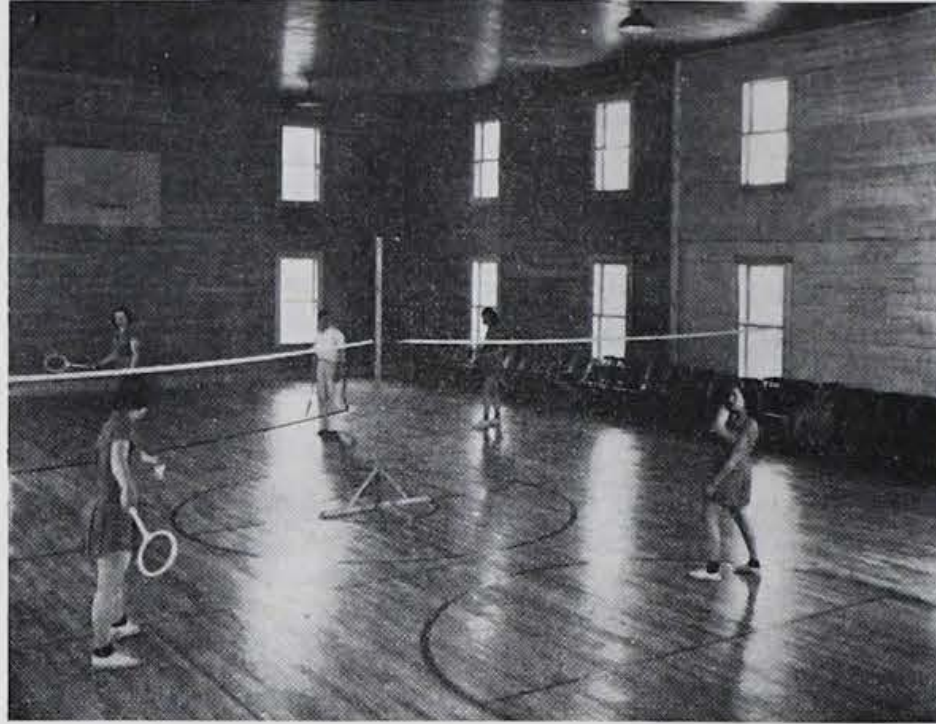
The harrowing problems of world conditions are obliterated in some small way when we reminisce on those yesterdays of our class. Do you recall how thrilled we were with the "Castle-Tone" dedicated to the Childhood of America? Surely those of '35 have felt the significance of the conclusion of Dr. Woodruff's message: "The ultimate adjustment and administration of our great social and governmental affairs will be in the hands of those yet to come after you."

Margaret Flynn

1936

We, the first fourth year class, recall with pride our graduation which marked

AS WE ARE



NEW GYM

another step forward and upward for C. N. S.—the establishment of the Camp Fund and the granting of degrees under the planning and guidance of that inspiring leader, Dr. Woodruff.

Mary J. O'Neill

1937

In harking back to the years 1937-38, the sesqui-centennial stands out as worthy of reminiscence. It rained that night and the production was an out door affair. The show went on, somehow. It had to. The audience sat in the cold of a damp spring night while the cast wallowed in the little pools of water that were swiftly turning to mud. The properties had melted to the ground with the first touch of rain. Pantomimic gesture took their place. Was the audience bewildered? Well, so were we. But the show did go on and our message—man's conquest of his environment—was portrayed.

Robert Lorette

1938

A jig-saw puzzle and eight pairs of hands picking out and fitting each intricate part into the whole—"I've finished my load of hay," announced Dr. Woodruff, triumphantly, as she shoved the unused pieces to Miss Kelly and the six members of our class.

This was characteristic of Dr. Woodruff's ability to join us at a class dinner and be "one of the class"; to meet us in the hall and engage in intimate conversation; to advise as one who knew our needs; to be severe when we lacked maturity of action; and at last to extend her hand in sincere

congratulation and farewell that made us forever a part of the school.

Martha M. Langdon

1939

We fondly recall Dr. Woodruff's love of color and high disdain of the drab, an irresistible curiosity concerning picnic baskets, a firm belief that traffic lights are always green, and an unfeigned delight in her new car while loyally defending the old. Our class will always remember her capacity for making us feel important, for was it not to the Seniors of 1939 that she granted an exclusive scoop on the Glenbrook gift!

Margaret Paige

1940

Our class of 20 is the largest four-year class ever enrolled in Castleton Normal School. Some are part time students carrying regular teaching positions and several have returned to become seniors after teaching one or more years.

We are happy that Bill Jones has recovered.

Miss Markham left us to study at Boston University. Mr. Walter Jenkins has proved an able substitute.

Dr. Woodruff's resignation filled us with regret for we feel she has made the school.

The opening of the new gymnasium delighted all of us for it represents the realization of our cherished dreams for a place to display our skills in sports.

Commencement is here and we are almost ready to leave student ranks and join the band of loyal alumni.

Kathryn Temple

AS WE ARE Physical Education Equipment 1940

Winter Sports:
3 pair skates
5 pair skis with bindings
3 pair skis without bindings
5 pair ski boots
4 pair ski poles
2 toboggans
1 pair snow shoes

Hiking:

2 picnic baskets
2 milk pails
2 coffee pots
frying pans
hatchet
knife
6 long-handled forks

Table Tennis:

2 tables
3 nets with supports
8 paddles
3 dozen balls annually

Dancing:

piano
radio-victrola attachment
2 dozen records

Hockey:

2 dozen hockey sticks
½ dozen hockey balls

Games:

1 set shuffleboard—home made

Ball Games:

½ dozen baseball bats
2 softball bats
3 softballs
2 basketballs
2 volleyballs
2 volleyball nets

Badminton:

2 badminton nets
3 dozen badminton birds annually
12 badminton rackets

Deck Tennis:

3 deck tennis rings
2 deck tennis nets—home made

Archery:

1 archery target
4 arm guards
7 bows
3 dozen arrows annually
4 finger tabs

Tennis:

½ dozen tennis rackets
2 tennis nets
2 dozen tennis balls annually

Darts:

¾ dozen darts annually
1 dart board—home made

Croquet:

2 croquet sets

Jumping Ropes:

½ dozen jumping ropes

Jumping:

1 pair jump standards

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